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New Bill to be Tabled, 175 Thousand Workers to Benefit

Once passed into law, The Occupational, Safety and Health Bill, will directly and positively impact our workers at their workplace. The OSH Bill and several of its iterations have been tabled before at the House of Representatives but they have always required revision and modernization. Blaming the past UDP administration flush with full chests of PetroCaribe cash and oil royalties will not help today's workers who go to work trusting that they will be safe and healthy.

Each time there is a major injury at work the OSH is brought to the fore. Many will remember the tragic accidental deaths that occurred in the Belize Civic Center on September 13, 2019. A scaffold platform failed during the installation of acoustical material, resulting in the deaths of two workers and injuries to four others. The incident took place while the men were working on the installation of acoustical material. The Belize Infrastructure Limited (BIL) confirmed the incident and stated they had hired an experienced roofing contractor for the job. This is an extreme but it leads to many questions. Again, blaming the UDP does not fix the problem. Multiple public sector stakeholders, the Unions, and gov-

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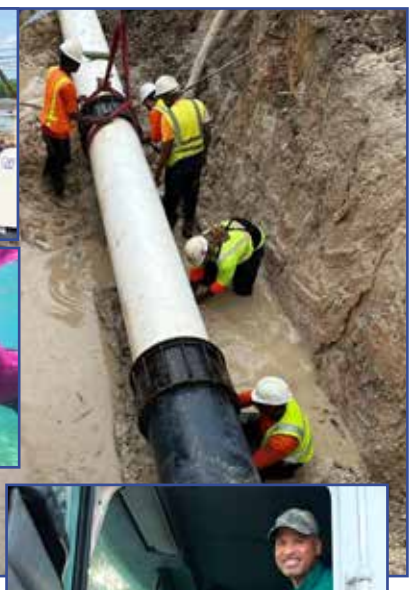

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FIVE Week Totals	PUP	Indep	UDP
TOTAL SEATS	898 WON	89	126
VILLAGES	128 WON	14	17
PERCENT %	80.68	8.00	11.32

June 29 Last Election Weekend

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Happy Public Service Week!

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ernment ministries have been on it and now a bill will be tabled at the House of Representatives.

The Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Bill 2025 with Cabinet's approval will be re-introduced at the House of Representatives sitting on June 27, 2025. This Bill has been in development for more than a decade and first presented to the Cabinet in 2011 with referral to the House Committee in 2014. The Chamber and National Trade Union Congress of Belize provided feedback that prompted revisions, the Bill was sent to these parties to review. In 2022, a joint submission from BCCI and NTUCB along with their review was submitted to the Minster of Labour. In 2023, The Ministry of Labour conducted national consultations and sensitization sessions were held with stakeholders including the Labour Advisory Board, Ministry of Health & Wellness, Department of the Environment, Central Building Authority, Social Security Board, and others. Even the International Labour Organization (ILO) has been a source of support.

This OSH bill is poised to make our families go to sleep better knowing that the lives of their loved ones are not in peril via an unexpected accident as workplaces will be required by law to be MORE safe. The responsibilities of employers, and workers will be spelled out and this will be via strengthening the enforcement mechanisms and reporting systems. The eventual law will establish a National OSH Advisory Committee to guide policy and standards while creating an OSH Inspectorate within the Labour Department. It will also provide clarity to the duties and responsibilities of employers, workers, designers, suppliers, and property owners. The introduction of a strong whistleblower protection will ban reprisal and will allow for a sort of human surveillance mechanism. The procedures for reporting and investigating accidents and occupational diseases will be formalized and the guesswork should be down to nil. The act will provide for other enforcement tools including improvement, prohibition, penalties, and closure notices for infractions.

PlanBelize 2.0 is people-centered. Business that are most successful should also be people-centered. The OSH bill will look to ensure the Belize is progressing on the right track. The formation of workplace safety committees and the appointment of worker representatives will be one of these mechanisms that will bring transparency. The OSH Act in the end will be relevant to Belize and aligns with ILO Conventions 155 (Occupational Safety and Health) and 187 (Promotional Framework) and supports goals under the Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) 2024–2029.

The vision of course is to increase the quality of life of the Belizean worker. With more people being and feeling safe, this is another way of making 175thousand Belizeans big winners. Todos ganamos con el OSH.

Rejected Peyrefitte Withdraws Resignation

UDP Now in Worse Shape

Since Jorge Ernesto Babb's 19 votes, Michael Peyrefitte has been reeling in a nonstop downhill motion to worsen his life, this, at least in the dim political limelight he can afford himself. Peyrefitte is the quintessential example of barking dogs having no bite. His story is simple and readers of this piece will be glad to know that this deceit monger par excellence does not have much content to write about. His loss in 2008 screams at him every day and as such he is tone deaf. In 2008, there were 20 rejected votes in Freetown. Peyrefitte must feel that they are his just because they are called 'rejected'. From then, he has tried a convention and lost to himself. The political problem is that the citizens DO NOT want the crass and coarse Peyrefitte. BUT, the UDP sees that crassness and coarseness is at UDPs core. It is!

Towards the end of the Barrow 3rd maladministration in 2020, Peyrefitte was the Minister of Everything and mediocre at all. He touched rock bottom when the helicopter crashed in the Western Lagoon, near Gales Point, Manatee in late February 2020. Peyrefitte at the very least misled grieving families as to their compensations. The press conference he led was also amateur at best. He lambasted even the press for his own weakness and lack of clarity.

Leaving office, there were the questionable vehicle he rode off with, furniture he claimed was customized for him and a laptop he personalized. All these he paid for in HOT fire sale deals with the Government of Belize his Party was about to lose control of. These deals would put Black Friday to shame. In his defence, Peyrefitte only puts forward shamelessness.

In the five years of Faber/Shyne, Peyrefitte led the UDP Senate in fake news and alternative presentations only rivalled by Shyne's presentations. The worse fake assertion was Peyre's prediction that the UDP would win all 31 constituencies in March 2025.

Today Peyrefitte returns on the back of a mule claiming to have the wherewithal to save the UDP. Peyre cannot even save himself. The former coronavirus EXXPERT is ultra-delusional as ever before. But then again, he is a perfect example of the few visionless, clueless, incompetent, and useless UDPs.

Peyrefitte bursting out of his mole hole makes things worse for the UDP. He will soon withdraw again.

THE 5CS

THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE

Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Climate Leadership

Belize participated in the historic celebration of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) or 5Cs, the 20th anniversary of climate leadership. The celebration started with a soirée on the lawn of the 'Old Government House' on Tuesday evening. Prime Minister, John Briceño and his wife and Special Envoy, Rossana Briceño gave a toast to the guests that included dignitaries from Belize and the Caribbean and the pioneers and negotiators responsible for laying the groundwork to establish the centre. The Prime Minister of St Lucia, HE Philip Pierre was a special guest at the recognition of the milestone of steadfast climate leadership, scientific innovation, and the advancement of climate resilience throughout the Caribbean.

During the celebratory occasion on the Western Shores of the Caribbean Sea, PM Briceño proffered the historic revolutionary idea to establish the climate centre. It occurred at a preparatory meeting for the participation in the 10-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action, which was scheduled to be held in Mauritius, that the idea to establish the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre in Belize was discussed.

In commemoration of the historic event, the 5Cs' hosted its 20th Anniversary Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Best Western Plus, Biltmore Plaza in Belize City, on Wednesday, 25th June 2025. It was a celebration of the amazing journey of the CCCCC recognising the pioneers, visionaries, and acknowledging the vital partnerships that contributed to the 5Cs' evolution and influence on the region.

The Wednesday evening gala was preceded by a series of panel discussions that focused on the factors that led to the evolution of the 5Cs', the mechanisms, and plans of action regarding the intensifying climate

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EDITORIAL

GETTING REAL

The President of the Public Service Union, Dean Flowers, has said that government can find the money to give public officers and teachers all they desire by building massive government complexes countrywide which will house all government offices so GOB will no longer have to rent buildings and will save money. The cost and timeframe of such an undertaking seems unimportant to or lost on Flowers. Especially since any fool can tell you that GOB would not realistically see any savings until the long term. AND THE UNIONS WANT THEIR MONEY NOW! NOW! NOW!

The reality is that reality seems to have been thrown aside in the frenzy of union leaders coming out of the woodwork to demand more money. Apparently, Belize is the new Dubai, teeming with wealth, and not a country which is still recovering from COVID, a major hurricane, wildfires, floods and climate change. Not to mention the effects of global uncertainty and threats of war. Apparently, we are rich beyond measure, and all those things were fabricated to victimize and oppress all the poor union members.

The current rhetoric in the Belizean marketplace is sad, tragic, hilarious, ridiculous, foolish, dangerous, scary – all those things.

LET'S BE REAL – everybody wants more money. And that's okay. There is absolutely no problem with public officers, teachers, nurses, doctors, sanitation workers, stevedores, police officers, workers in the productive sector, workers on farms, workers in BPOs, workers in stores and supermarkets, workers in offices, banks – wanting more compensation for the work they do. There is no problem with any worker in any sector, no matter how much they make, asking for more money or feeling that they deserve more.

At the risk of being offensive, the rhetoric about workers in the public service being oppressed and victimized and living in abject poverty and being unable to pay bills and meet basic needs – needs to stop. That is useless, hysterical propaganda which gets nobody closer to a resolution. The rhetoric about all these saintly people who apparently work for free 24 hours a day, and sacrifice everything including the clothes on their backs 24 hours a day and are seated at the right hand of the Father and all that – needs to stop. Like in every sector, there are good public officers and bad. There are lazy, good for nothing public officers, and exemplary ones. There are teachers who are passionate and good, and there are terrible teachers who should never be allowed inside a classroom. And there are good nurses, and indeed nurses who deserve sainthood, just as there are ridiculously bad nurses who give the entire profession a bad name. That's the whole truth.

LET'S BE REAL, TOTALLY REAL – At this current time, the country does not have the money to pay everybody wanting more money the amount that they want, NOW. Because they want it NOW. The money being demanded is not the Prime Minister's personal money. So it would be the easiest thing, and the most reckless thing, for the Prime Minister to say – let's give everybody what they want. He won't lose a dollar of his personal money. He won't suffer any losses, not even sleep. The Prime Minister could, to end all this nonsense and ranting and raving and finger-pointing and name-calling, raise GST to 15%, and there would be money to pay everybody what they want.

The Prime Minister could revisit the income tax threshold and lower it again so more people would have to pay taxes on their income, and there would be money to pay everybody what they want. The Prime Minister could decide that public hospitals and clinics countrywide would need to start charging for services again, or we could do away with free education in secondary schools, or the feeding program in schools, or the housing program, or NHI, or BOOST – and there would be money to pay everybody what they want.

The money isn't hard to find, if you are an uncaring, reckless, irresponsible, short-sighted and arrogant leader. Remember, we had one of those who borrowed a million dollars a day to pay salaries and ran the country off the financial cliff, just a few years ago.

The Unions have asked all workers to support their push because when they get more money it will help ALL Belizeans. More useless, hysterical propaganda. If GST is raised to 15% to meet the demands of all these poor, oppressed and victimized public sector workers, how does that help the sanitation worker who has to pay more every time he visits the store or pays a bill?

FOR THE RECORD – The Prime Minister and GOB's negotiation team have remained engaged at all times. They have never gotten personal, never engaged in name-calling and have continued to meet with union leaders and to present proposals. Of course, these proposals are always rejected because the union leaders maintain that their members want their money and they want it now. ALL OF IT. NOW.

FOR THE RECORD – The Union leaders are not negotiating. They have not made any concessions. There has been no give and take. They have not wavered from the demands, and have certainly not wavered from useless, hysterical propaganda and worse, from protest actions which hurt the same people they are begging for support.

FOR THE RECORD – The Unions have never been aggressed by Police forces. There have been no attempts to silence them, or to disrespect them while they carry out their unlawful protests in the midst of negotiations. No tear gas, no batons, no riot squad, NOTHING.

If reality could once again be introduced to the arena, a solution which works for everyone would no doubt be found. The hysteria helps nobody. And the truth is that if there is not sober, serious discussion from all sides, free from stupidity, WE ALL LOSE.

EDITORIAL

en Español

SIENDO REALISTAS

El presidente del Sindicato de Servicios Públicos, Dean Flowers, ha afirmado que el Gobierno puede encontrar el dinero necesario para dar a los funcionarios públicos y a los profesores todo lo que desean mediante la construcción de enormes complejos gubernamentales en todo el país que albergarán todas las oficinas gubernamentales, de modo que el Gobierno ya no tendrá que alquilar edificios y ahorrará dinero. El coste y el plazo de ejecución de tal empresa parecen no tener importancia para Flowers, o bien este no los tiene en cuenta. Sobre todo porque cualquiera puede decirle que, siendo realistas, el Gobierno no verá ningún ahorro hasta el largo plazo. ¡Y LOS SINDICATOS QUIEREN SU DINERO YA! ¡YA! y ¡YA!

La realidad parece haberse dejado de lado en el frenesí de los líderes sindicales que salen de la nada para exigir más dinero. Al parecer, Belice es el nuevo Dubái, rebosante de riqueza, y no un país que todavía se está recuperando del COVID, un gran huracán, incendios forestales, inundaciones y el cambio climático. Por no hablar de los efectos de la incertidumbre mundial y las amenazas de guerra. Aparentemente, somos inmensamente ricos, y todas esas cosas fueron inventadas para victimizar y oprimir a los pobres miembros del sindicato.

La retórica actual en el mercado beliceño es triste, trágica, hilarante, ridícula, absurda, peligrosa, aterradora... todas esas cosas.

SEAMOS REALISTAS: todo el mundo quiere más dinero. Y eso está bien. No hay ningún problema en que los funcionarios públicos, los profesores, las enfermeras, los médicos, los trabajadores de saneamiento, los estibadores, los agentes de policía, los trabajadores del sector productivo, los trabajadores agrícolas, los trabajadores de las BPO, los trabajadores de tiendas y supermercados, los trabajadores de oficinas y bancos quieran una mayor remuneración por el trabajo que realizan. No hay ningún problema en que cualquier trabajador de cualquier sector, independientemente de lo que gane, pida más dinero o sienta que se merece más.

A riesgo de resultar ofensivo, hay que acabar con la retórica de que los trabajadores del sector público están oprimidos y victimizados, viven en la pobreza extrema y no pueden pagar las facturas ni satisfacer sus necesidades básicas. Se trata de propaganda inútil e histérica que no ayuda a nadie a encontrar una solución. La retórica sobre todas estas personas santas que aparentemente trabajan gratis las 24 horas del día, sacrifican todo, incluida la ropa que llevan puesta, y están sentadas a la derecha del Padre y todo eso, tiene que acabar. Como en todos los sectores, hay buenos funcionarios públicos y malos. Hay funcionarios públicos perezosos y buenos para nada, y otros ejemplares. Hay profesores apasionados y buenos, y hay profesores terribles a los que nunca se les debería permitir entrar en un aula. Y hay buenas enfermeras, y de hecho enfermeras que merecen la santidad, al igual que hay enfermeras ridículamente malas que dan mala fama a toda la profesión. Esa es toda la verdad.

SEAMOS REALISTAS, TOTALMENTE REALISTAS : en este momento, el país no tiene dinero para pagar a todos los que quieren más dinero la cantidad que quieren, AHORA. Porque lo quieren AHORA. El dinero que se exige no es dinero personal del primer ministro. Por lo tanto, lo más fácil, y lo más imprudente, sería que el primer ministro dijera: «Demos a todos lo que quieren». No perderá ni un dólar de su dinero personal. No sufriría ninguna pérdida, ni siquiera perdería el sueño. El primer ministro podría, para poner fin a todas estas tonterías, despotricamientos, acusaciones e insultos, aumentar el IVA al 15 %, y habría dinero para pagar a todo el mundo lo que quiere.

El primer ministro podría revisar el umbral del impuesto sobre la renta y volver a reducirlo para que más personas tuvieran que pagar impuestos sobre sus ingresos, y habría dinero para pagar a todo el mundo lo que quiere. El primer ministro podría decidir que los hospitales y clínicas públicas de todo el país volvieran a cobrar por sus servicios, o podríamos eliminar la educación gratuita en las escuelas secundarias, o el programa de alimentación en las escuelas, o el programa de vivienda, o el NHI, o el BOOST, y habría dinero para pagar a todo el mundo lo que quiere.

El dinero no es difícil de encontrar, si se es un líder indiferente, imprudente, irresponsable, miope y arrogante. Recordemos que hace solo unos años tuvimos a uno de esos líderes que pidió prestado un millón de dólares al día para pagar los salarios y llevó al país al abismo financiero.

Los sindicatos han pedido a todos los trabajadores que apoyen su iniciativa porque, cuando obtengan más dinero, eso ayudará a TODOS los beliceños. Más propaganda inútil e histérica. Si se aumenta el GST al 15 % para satisfacer las demandas de todos estos trabajadores del sector público, pobres, oprimidos y victimizados, ¿cómo ayuda eso al trabajador de saneamiento que tiene que pagar más cada vez que va a la tienda o paga una factura?

PARA QUE CONSTE: el primer ministro y el equipo de negociación del Gobierno de Belice han mantenido el diálogo en todo momento. Nunca han recurrido a ataques personales, nunca han insultado y han seguido reuniéndose con los líderes sindicales y presentando propuestas. Por supuesto, estas propuestas siempre son rechazadas porque los líderes sindicales sostienen que sus miembros quieren su dinero y lo quieren ahora. TODO. AHORA.

PARA QUE CONSTE: Los líderes sindicales no están negociando. No han hecho ninguna concesión. No ha habido ningún tipo de compromiso. No han cedido en sus demandas y, desde luego, no han renunciado a la propaganda histérica e inútil y, lo que es peor, a las acciones de protesta que perjudican a las mismas personas a las que piden apoyo.

PARA QUE CONSTE: Los sindicatos nunca han sido agredidos por las fuerzas policiales. No ha habido intentos de silenciarlos ni de faltarles al respeto mientras llevan a cabo sus protestas ilegales en medio de las negociaciones. Sin gases lacrimógenos, sin porras, sin antidisturbios, NADA.

Si la realidad pudiera volver a introducirse en la arena, sin duda se encontraría una solución que funcionara para todos. La histeria no ayuda a nadie. Y la verdad es que, si no hay ningún debate sereno y serio por parte de todos, libre de estupideces, TODOS SALIMOS PERDIENDO.

Sizzling SUMMER Programs 2025

Every summer, our children have many options to be at well-programmed Summer camps all over the country. These camps are innovative sessions, learning experiences and FUN, FUN, FUN!! It is not intended to supplant schools but, yes, add to it.

Children development is as diverse as Summer Camps and School Lessons can be together and separately. Last year, there were reading, guitar, environmental, swimming, sports, coding, etc. offered at camps. The same can be expected this year.

Here at the Belize Times we will follow with pictures and small hints with flyers so numerous that to print all in the size they deserve is not feasible. We will repost on Social Media as many. Look for key words and search for them all over Facebook and Instagram for a camp of interest in your area.

Kevin BERNARD
SUMMER FUN ADVENTURE
WITH COUNCILLOR DORETH PASCASIO
A DAY OF JOY & EXPLORATION
Join Councillor Doreth Pascasio as she travels with Orange Walk Super Special Children on a fun-filled trip to Blue Creek!
Date: Wednesday, July 2, 2025
Destination: Blue Creek, Belize
Departure: 8:30 AM sharp from Central Park, Orange Walk
INCLUSION MATTERS!
Let's celebrate diversity and joy, creating beautiful memories where every child feels valued and included.
Bring Sunscreen, splash time, surprises!
Thank you to all sponsors, volunteers, and supporters for making this trip possible. Let's make this summer unforgettable!

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Join us July 12, 2025
Location: Corozal House of Culture
Time: 9 am
Learn the Essentials Every Driver Should Know!
Workshop Topics Include:
How to change a tire
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How to jump-start a vehicle safely
Understanding the importance of regular vehicle servicing
Contact Us to sign up
623-7336
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NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 9/2025

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be $83,200,000.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Thursday, 3 July 2025 and will be redeemed on Thursday, 2 October 2025.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 27 June 2025.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday 3 July 2025.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

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The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

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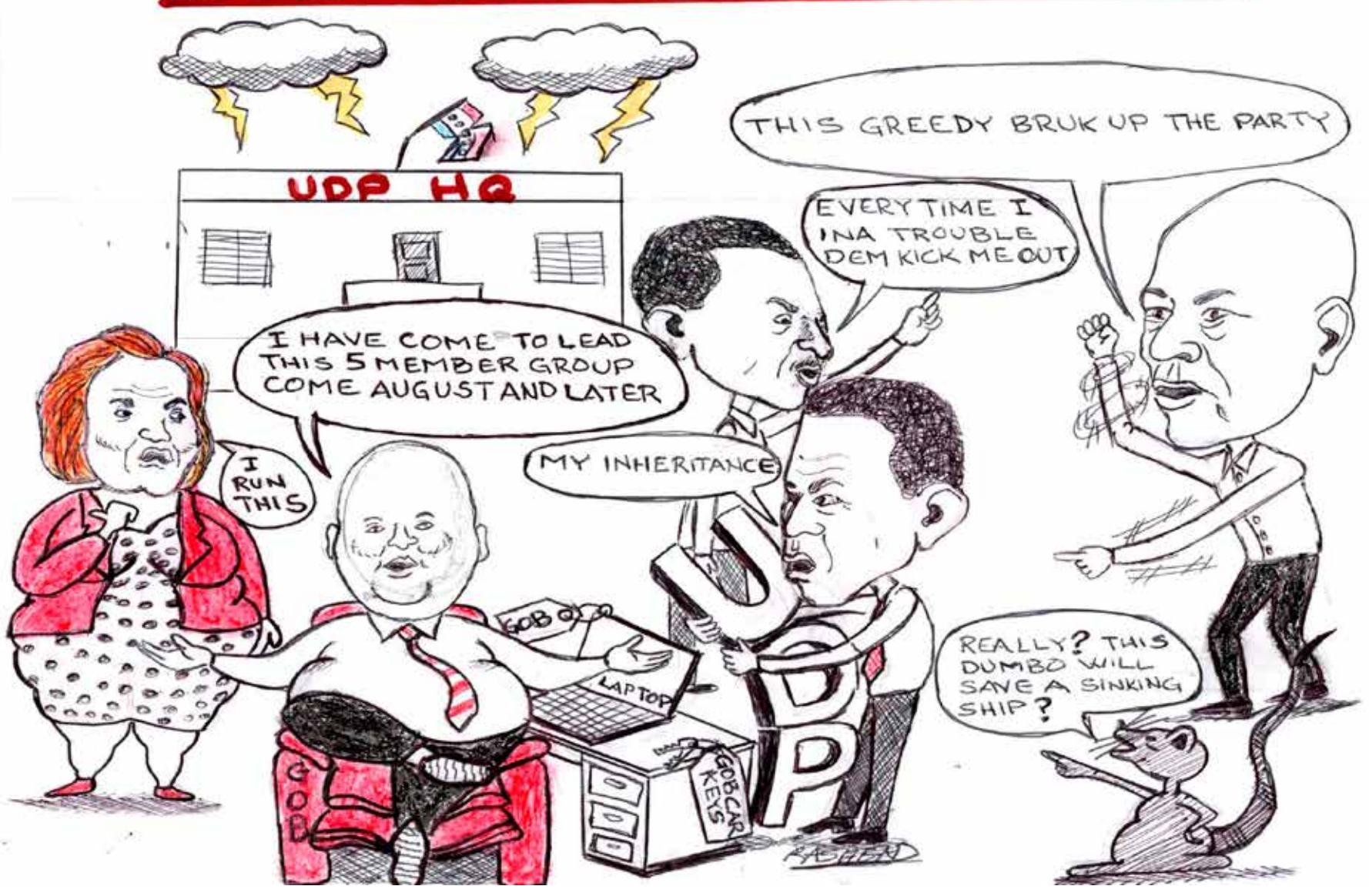
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MY INHERITANCE
EVERY TIME I INA TROUBLE DEM KICK ME OUT
THIS GREEDY BRUK UP THE PARTY
GOB
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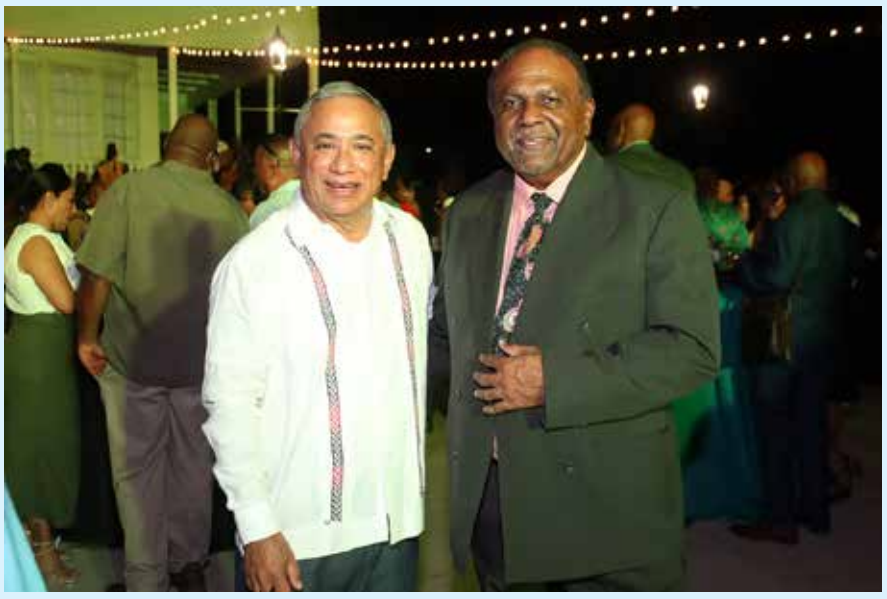
REALLY? THIS DUMBO WILL SAVE A SINKING SHIP?

5Cs 20th Anniversary Celebration Toast by

Prime Minister John Briceño

June 24, 2025



Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

Rosanna and I are pleased that you are able to join us tonight to celebrate 20 years of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center, or the 5 C's as we generally refer to it.

Your Excellency Dame Froyla Tzalm and your husband Retired Captain Daniel Mendez thank you for being here with us. We are happy to have with us tonight my friend the Prime Minister of St. Lucia, His Excellency Phillip Pierre. We are happy to see other ministers and senior officials from all over the Caribbean here with us on the Western Shores of the Caribbean Sea. Welcome to Belize, your home across the Caribbean Sea.

We welcome the members of Cabinet, Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate; the diplomatic and counselor Corps and all our guests.

In the early 2000's CARICOM, along with our sister small island states in AOSIS, had already started to take on a leading role in climate change negotiations. From then we made the point that climate change was an existential challenge for us and indeed for the world at large. We insisted on research in climate change. I recall that it was in the margins of the preparatory meetings for our participation in the 10-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action, which was scheduled to be held in Mauritius, that the idea of the 5 C's began to really take shape.

Belize, given our rich land and marine resources, was a natural choice for the location of the 5 C's but to get it started we needed seed capital. It was at a Caribbean SIDS meeting in the Bahamas that an opportunity presented itself for us to meet with and convince some of our European friends to make that initial investment with us to establish the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center in Belize. It worked and we left the Bahamas with our first Million dollars thanks to the Government and people of Italy. Next came the Irish and others followed.

So, as we celebrate tonight, I want to thank our first funders for their confidence to invest with us.

I want to toast all those Caribbean leaders and negotiators who did the groundwork to establish the center. Because of our efforts many others contributed and continue to contribute to this just cause.

Belize is proud to be home to the 5 Cs which is today one of CARICOM's most respected arms and is recognized globally for its work.

Thank you to all who have made the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center the success that it is and for future successes.

Cheers to 20 years and may we continue the good work of the 5 Cs.

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Cabinet Brief

Belmopan. June 26, 2025
The Cabinet met on June 24, 2025.

- Cabinet discussed the letter from the Belize National Teachers Union and the Association of Public Service Senior Managers Union, where the unions rejected the Government's proposal for a phased approach to the 8.5 percent salary increase and two increments, and requested that the Ministerial Subcommittee meet with the Union Representatives on Thursday, 26th June 2025, to offer the Government's Counter proposal. It is the Government's desire to reach a fair and amicable settlement of this dispute.
- Cabinet received an update from the Minister of Health & Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard, that the leaders of the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority wrote the Minister of Labour to inform him that negotiations involving pensions for some workers had failed, and as such, they indicated that a trade dispute exists. The Authority is seeking the Minister of Labour's intervention to find a solution to this issue.
- Cabinet was apprised of the preparation of an Industrial Strategy with green and blue industrial policies for Belize. This policy, which is being developed with the assistance of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), is aimed at influencing the structure and performance of the Belizean economy and can significantly contribute to economic development. It pays special attention to technology transfer and training to support the development of Belize's industrial capacity.
- Cabinet welcomed the update from the Ministry of Health & Wellness on efforts to develop a National Digital Strategy for Belize, which will guide the nation's digital transformation in the health sector in collaboration with development partners such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Secretariat of Health for Ministers of Health of Central America (SE-COMISCA), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
- On 13th June 2025, Cabinet approved the National Land Use Policy for Belize 2025. The policy sets out the Government's policies, strategic and specific objectives, and intended actions regarding the sustainable use, development, and management of all lands in Belize. This policy is key to enabling decision-making that reduces risks from disasters and climatic events.
- Cabinet gave its recommendation for the introduction of a Subscription Motion at the next Sitting of the House of Representatives for the increase of Belize's subscription within the Central American Bank for Economic Development (CABEI) by 4,000 B shares. The purchase of these new shares will increase Belize's access to development financing from CABEI.
- Cabinet gave its recommendation for the introduction of the Occupational Safety and Health Bill (OSH) to be introduced at the next Sitting of the House of Representatives.
- Cabinet gave its recommendation for the introduction of amendments to the Education Rules Act 2025 and the School Teachers' Pensions Act 2025 to allow the Government to pay 100 percent of salaries, as well as offer allowances to members of staff at government-aided schools, at the annual cost of $68,780,072.05 cents over the next five years.
- June 27th is National HIV Testing Day. Belizeans are encouraged to get tested and to help prevent the spread of HIV.
- Finally, Cabinet reminds all Belizeans to drive carefully and buckle up for safety.

LETTER TO THE Editor

Cost and Commitment in GoB Operations

Dear Editor,

Much has been said recently about government office rentals and the need to cut costs. While these are valid concerns, it is important to recognize that the Government of Belize is not operating without a plan. Proposals for the expansion of a government complex were made as far back as 2023, but like any major infrastructure project, this takes both time and money.

In the meantime, government offices must continue to function. For instance, the rental cost of approximately $22,000 per month for the 5C's office at the David L. McKoy Building is often criticized. Yet few question the high rental fees that existed under the previous administration, such as the Scenes of Crime Unit occupying Barrow's former law office or other public entities in similarly costly buildings.

It is hypocritical to demand cost-cutting while ignoring the legacy of inflated rentals and unsuitable office spaces inherited from the past with contracts overlapping. The current administration is actively working to reduce waste and improve efficiency, but retrofitting buildings or developing new complexes is a process—not an overnight fix. Number wise the average rental by this government is just some 3 thousand over 2020. Given the difference in rental costs this is the same. I don't understand real estate. But if it were cheaper another sector of society would should foul.

Let us be fair in our judgment and acknowledge the work being done. Real progress takes time, planning, and patience.

Sincerely,
S Thompson

Rural Belize Votes PUP
Belize Wins
planBelize 2.0's Mandate & Responsibility

With one more week to go, the Village Council 2025 Victory is all but in the books. And the level is historic. The PUP has the eyes and the votes of the People saying…we believe in you and planBelize; KEEP IT UP! The UDP is non-existent because the PUP is eons ahead in terms of vision and ideas. The UDP is lost. Sometime ago, we argued that the UDP was a party pickled to solely be in Opposition. We were wrong. They have corrupted even the idea of being in Opposition. Apologies for calling them a Circus since even circuses have purpose and yield vision and are hardworking.

Previous headline story clips: The People's United Party is moving forward with improving the lives of people all across Belize. Today people of rural Belize are handing to planBelize 2.0 an even bigger mandate and the PUP-Briceño administration is ready to take on that level of responsibility. At the General Elections 2025, the Prime Minister went on record saying that the PUP does not take the people for granted; that the PUP will persistently listen to the people. This is the same message to the villages.

Entering the Sunday June 29 elections another 15 villages have the PUP winning in uncontested fashion. Without a glimmer of gloating, the PUP takes these wins as a report card to improve on moving into the next few years of this PUP administration. When villages are united they are more productive. The villages can rally behind a leader and be efficient with their resources and the PUP government will be alongside.

The PUP is not perfect and there is constant strife to becoming better servants of the people. The Village council uncontested slates and election wins mean the villages are united. These victories mean that they have high confidence in the PUP government. PlanBelize 2.0's health care, education, jobs, land, and housing are reaching deeper than just the towns and cities. There is definitely MORE that can be done in villages and planBelize 2.0 addresses their streets, passing highways, job availability and more.

The village council results continue to show that the UDP is non-existent around the country. The independent groups are the virtual opponents of the ex-masse party UDP. The PUP is focussed on listening to the winner to see how the government can help the villages varied concerns.

For context: Village Council 2025 is the 8th major election cycle the UDP is losing along with the UDP slanted media. Failed in 2018 Municipals, 2019 VCs, 2020 General, 2021 Municipals, 2022 VCs, 2024 Municipals, and the 2025 General Elections all failures for the UDP and their UDP media. The responsibility laden on the PUP is colossal. The people know the PUP is on the right track and will be there for the foreseeable future.

In the end, the people of Belize call the shots, they have the power, and the planBelize government of Belize merely executes. The PlanBelize Government of Belize listens expediently to 400 thousand people before it makes decisions. There is no other way to govern in a Belizean democracy that has a magnificent future. Every day, more people win and in a variety of ways.

It is the villages turn to voice their needs. Let's listen.

VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS CUMULATIVE WEEKS 1 – 5 (June 29 is final election date)			
DISTRICT	PUP	UDP	INDEPENDENT
COROZAL	16	11	0
ORANGE WALK	15	2	2
BELIZE	22	0	5
CAYO	22	2	1
STANN CREEK	20	0	3
TOLEDO	33	2	3
TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNCILS WON	128	17	14
TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WON	898	126	89
PERCENTAGE OF SEATS WON	80.68%	11.32%	8.00%

THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE

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challenges.

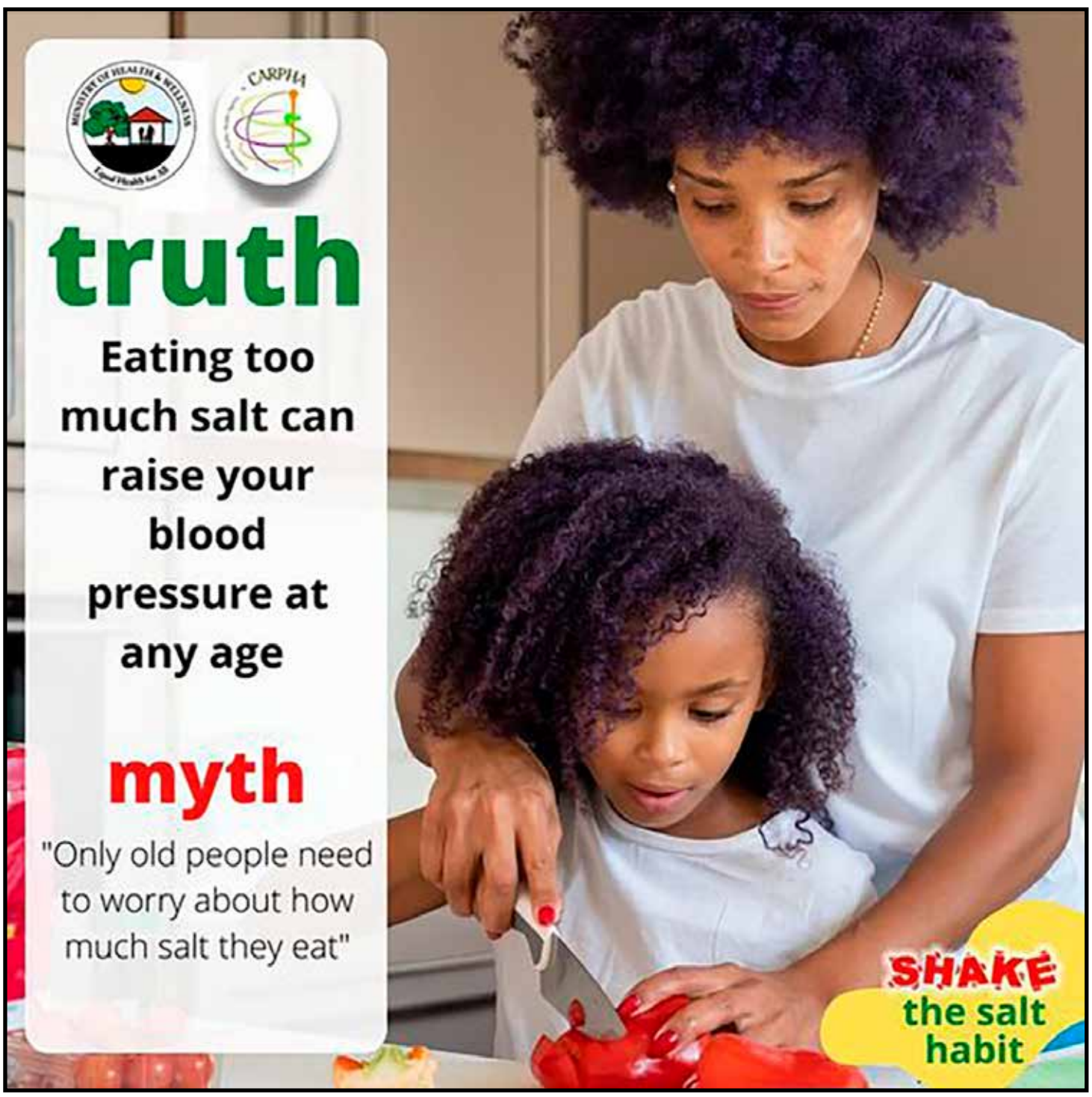
The Executive Director of the CCCCC, Colin Young Ph.D. noted that "For two decades, the CCCCC has stood as a pillar of knowledge, support, and innovation in the region's response to climate change."

Young added "From strengthening water security in drought-prone nations and safeguarding coastlines with nature-based solutions, to unlocking over $200 million in climate finance for our Member States, the work of the CCCCC continues to impact lives and livelihoods across CARICOM and beyond. This celebration not only honours our shared past and the individuals who helped build this institution - it also sets a vision for where we're headed as a region in the decades ahead."

PM Briceño has been a longstanding advocate for climate action and lauded the CCCCC's history of leadership. "Since its establishment in 2005, the CCCCC has evolved into a true Center of Excellence-advancing climate science, supporting national and regional frameworks, and mobilising climate finance for adaptation and mitigation across our Caribbean nations." Incidentally, the Government of Belize hosts the CCCCC's headquarters.

Both PMs, Briceno and Pierre, participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for a state-of-the-art headquarters on the University of Belize Campus. It is a joint venture between the university and the 5Cs. The institution will house climate research, science, and education efforts aimed at enhancing the region's response to climate change. Prime Minister Briceño characterised it as "it's a sense of accomplishment," and he was a part of the lobbying efforts to establish the 5Cs, centre in Belize. The PM said "Coming to 20 years later now as the Prime Minister it gives you a sense of accomplishment to see that something that you started has come to this." "Belize is proud to be home to the 5Cs which is today one of CARICOM's most respected arms and is recognized globally for its work."

The Government of Belize recognizes that climate change is a global crisis and mandates it to continue to lead the fight for fair climate action, which is echoed in the PM toast to the participants of the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the 5Cs, "Cheers to 20 years and may we continue the good work of the 5Cs."


truth
Eating too much salt can raise your blood pressure at any age
myth
"Only old people need to worry about how much salt they eat"
SHAKE the salt habit

CEREMONIAL PASSING OUT

Our Finest 216 Men and Women

Belmopan, Belize – June 25, 2025 — With sharp salutes, gleaming uniforms, and emotions running high, 216 new police constables from the Recruit Squad 98 officially joined the ranks of the Belize Police Department today during a proud passing out ceremony held at the National Police Training Academy (NPTA) in Belmopan. Among them are 52 women, marking another historic achievement in gender representation within law enforcement. This bests the UN prescribed minimum.

Their journey began on December 1, 2024, when they entered the academy with dreams of becoming police officers. Today, those dreams were realized in front of family, friends, and national leaders, with the usual pageantry and ceremony the occasion demands.

Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, Hon. Kareem Musa, addressed the new officers with a message of pride and responsibility. "Today, we welcome 216 new police officers into our national family," he said. ***"Fifty-two of you are women. That's nearly one-fourth of your entire squad. This is the second year in a row that we've surpassed the United Nations' minimum standard for gender inclusion in policing."***

Minister Musa highlighted that

Squad 98's training extended beyond traditional law enforcement techniques. Recruits received instruction in first aid, communications, crisis response, financial literacy, and more developed in partnership with customs, immigration, forensics, and education sectors. *"You now carry skills that are not only essential for the job but essential for the community you serve," he emphasized. "Stay fair, stay firm, but above all, stay human."*

Dean of Academics, Dr. Priscilla Brown, formally presented the graduating class, recognizing the rigorous, multifaceted training they underwent. "It's my honor to present 54 females and 162 males who have successfully completed the theoretical and practical training required for appointment as Police Constables," Dr. Brown said. "Our curriculum prepares them for the real demands of modern policing."

A standout moment came when Alanis Arana (RPC 2709) was honored with the Baton of Honor, making her the first female recipient of the award in six squads. Her speech moved many in attendance.

"There is no magic to achievement—it's about hard work, choices, and persistence," Arana said, quoting Michelle Obama. "I am honored and proud. This award is for all the women in the department. We came here as individuals and citizens, but we are leaving as one body—Squad 98. The best squad NPTA has ever had."

She closed her speech with a rallying message to her fellow officers: *"Keep working hard, keep learning, aim high, and be the change this department needs."*

The graduation of Squad 98 now brings the total number of police officers in the department to nearly 3,000 strong. Minister Musa reaffirmed the department's commitment to human rights-centered policing, noting that this intake, like others under his leadership, received comprehensive training in ethics, community service, and accountability.

As the newest protectors of Belize take up their posts across the nation, the message is clear: they are not just joining a force—**they are joining a movement toward a more capable, compassionate, and community-centered police service.**

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Alfonso Maas Pap** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Restaurante Estrellos"** located in Cotton Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Alfonso Maas Pap** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"La Pipa Bar"** located in Cotton Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Dwayne A. Hulse** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Onyx Bar & Lounge"** located at 21/2 Miles P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

IDB

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Data Architect

Institution:	Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Program – SPEM
Process ID:	BL-L1040 – P00102
Duration:	Two (2) years
Duty Station:	CITO, Belmopan (Hybrid will be considered)
Deadline:	**June 18, 2025**; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – The Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Program – SPEM (5353/OC-BL-L1038). The general objective is to promote the fiscal sustainability of Belize. The specific objective is to increase the efficiency of public resources by strengthening public financial management. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize´s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of **"Data Architect"** within the Central Information Technology Office.

Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating **"Data Architect (BL-L1038)**"- name of consultant.

The deadline for submission is no later than **June 18, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**. No late submissions will be accepted.

Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building
Tel: 501-822-2152/2158
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz
Ref: **Data Architect (BL-L1038)** - Your name

BELIZE POSITIONS ITSELF TO ENHANCE TRADITIONAL TRADE, FORGE NEW PARTNERSHIPS AT WTC GEORGETOWN

The Government of Belize (GOB) under the leadership of Prime Minister John Briceno continue to pursue a foreign policy that advances the country's development. Trade agreements have been negotiated with Mexico and Central America. New avenues of cooperation have been explored in the Middle East, Africa and Asia with the view to opening new markets for Belizean products and to broker investments. Importantly, Belize have become the bridge for regional trade with CARICOM and Central American nations.

In July 2022, the Prime Minister of Belize, John Briceno and the President of Guyana, Irfaan Ali signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to advance cooperation in several areas. Agriculture, food security, trade, investment, energy, climate change, tourism and technology.

Guyana's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hugh Todd and the Foreign Minister of Belize, Eamon Courtenay signed the MOU. President Ali considered the move as opening "tremendous doors" for Guyana to get its products, such as sugar, into several markets including Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

The hands of cooperation took another step on Friday, June 20, 2025, when President Ali commissioned the World Trade Center Georgetown (WTCG) the first of its kind in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) region. Belize has positioned itself to leverage new opportunities to enhance Belize's trade portfolio. Belize's High Commissioner to Guyana, HE Gale Miller-Garnett proudly declared that Belize is the first tenant in WTCG. High Commissioner, Miller-Garnett in her remarks at the commissioning ceremony of the WTCG building, located on High Street in Kingston, Georgetown said "Our presence in this World Trade Centre Georgetown will deepen our cooperation with our traditional partners and will enable us to collaborate with the over 300 World Trade Centres worldwide as we build on tradition and as we look to new frontiers and adapt to change."

Miller-Garnett emphasised that the country's focus is on strengthening partnerships to expand markets for Belize's agricultural products, strengthening regional food security and creating a robust, resilient food system. The High Commissioner noted that regarding the MOU signed back in 2022, "Both leaders committed to the advancement of the engagement, focused on a joint willingness to engage beyond traditional agreements, and by addressing barriers to trade with the intent of being proactive, not to be rebellious." HE Miller-Garnett proffered that both Belize and Guyana offer strategic opportunities based on their geographical locations. Belize can be the hub for nations to enter both CARICOM and Central America, while Guyana can be the bridge to the Caribbean and South America.

Ahead of Friday's commissioning ceremony of the WTCG, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, Marconi Leal Jr. along with senior officials at the Ministry met with the WTCG Executive Director, Wesley Kirton and the Chairman of Demerara Distillers Limited (DDL), Komal Samaroo. DDL is the license holder for the WTC facility in Guyana. They held discussions which focused on advancing collaborative efforts to bolster regional hemispheric and global trade as well as the potentialities of South-South cooperation. Belize is now poised to enhance traditional trade forging new partnerships at the WTCG.

Request for Bids (RFB)

Water Supply & Modernization Program

BL-L1043

Water Network Expansion Works for Harmonyville

1. This RFB follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project publicized as of *27 June 2025.*
2. *Belize Water Services Limited has received financing* from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of *Water Supply & Modernization Program* and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for *Works for Water Network Expansion to Harmonyville.*
3. The *Belize Water Services Limited* now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for *Water Network Expansion Works for Harmonyville.* The delivery/construction period is *180 days from Start Date as specified in ITB 5.4 (k).*
4. The RFB will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's *Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 and* is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the bidding document.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from *Belize Water Services Limited, Ms. Stephanie Lozano, Procurement Specialist at rce@bwsl.com.bz*
6. Qualification requirements include: *copies of original documents defining the constitution, Power of Attorney, experience in works similar nature and size for the past 5 years and other information as requested in the RFB document ITB 5.*
7. A complete set of the bidding document in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below. The bidding document will be sent by email.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before *2:00 p.m. 25th July 2025.* Electronic bidding *"shall not"* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically at *2:15 p.m. 25th July 2025* in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line.
9. All bids *"shall"* be accompanied by a *"Bid Security"* of *3% of bid price in US Dollars or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.*
10. The address referred to above is: *Ms. Stephanie Lozano, Procurement Specialist, Belize Water Services Limited, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize C.A.*

MET Concludes High-level Mission with the World Bank Group

The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET) and the World Bank Group (WBG), which includes the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), concluded a high-level mission to Belize, led by Carlos Felipe Jaramillo, World Bank Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean, and Alfonso García Mora, IFC Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean, on June 20, 2025.

The mission included a high-level meeting focused on ways to enhance Belize's logistics capacities, as well as a site visit to San Pedro Town. During the visit, the delegates toured different activities under the Blue Cities and Beyond Project and witnessed the efforts of the San Pedro Town Council to alleviate the town's intensified sargassum accumulation with nature-based solutions. The mission concluded with the signing of an MOU between GOB and IFC, aimed at developing a pipeline of investable Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the country.

This inaugural visit reaffirmed the shared commitment of GOB and WBG to strengthening their partnership towards key sector development and sustainable economic growth. (release)

LETTER TO THE Editor

Celebrating Our Graduates – The Future Is Bright

Dear Editor,

As the graduation season sweeps across the country, I wish to extend heartfelt congratulations to all graduates, from pre-school to university. Your hard work, resilience, and determination have brought you to this milestone, and we celebrate your accomplishments with pride and joy.

Whether you are a little one leaving pre-school, a primary school student stepping into high school, a sixth former exploring new paths, or a university graduate preparing for the world of work, know that your achievement is just the beginning. You are the future of Belize, and your success is our nation's strength.

To those who will be continuing their education, embrace the journey ahead with courage and curiosity. Learning never ends, and every step forward is an investment in yourselves and in Belize. Take pride in your growth and use it to uplift your communities and families.

Parents, teachers, and guardians—thank you for your unwavering support and sacrifices. Behind every graduate is a village of love and commitment, and your role cannot be overstated.

Let this season of celebration also be a time of inspiration—for all of us to keep pushing forward, building a brighter Belize. The song says, "the future is so bright, I gotta wear a shades"

Sincerely,

Esau Ferguson

GOB – CABEI Establishment of Strategic Partnership Development of Belize's National Rural Development Strategy

Belmopan, June 25, 2025 - The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour, and Local Government, in partnership with the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), has officially commenced the development of Belize's National Rural Development Strategy (NRDS) 2026–2031. This initiative represents a critical step towards establishing a cohesive policy and implementation framework to address institutional and socio-economic challenges faced by rural communities across Belize. The NRDS will serve as a critical roadmap to guide intervention efforts towards sustainable and inclusive investments in Belize's rural areas.

The NRDS aims to promote inclusive, equitable, and sustainable rural development through targeted interventions that address rural poverty, institutional capacity, access to services, environmental resilience, and local economic development. This strategic initiative is being developed with financial and technical support from CABEI, in alignment with its development cooperation priorities and Belize's national development agenda. The strategy will serve as a guiding framework for the Government and development partners in the planning, coordinating, and monitoring of rural investments and programmes.

The development of the NRDS will be led by Clio Consulting, a Latin American strategic consulting firm specializing in public management, sustainability, and ESG (environmental, social, and governance), headquartered in Chile, South America. The preparation process will adopt a participatory and research-based approach. Stakeholder sessions will be carried out with rural communities, local governments, the private sector, community-based and civil society organizations, and other actors. The strategy is expected to be completed by January 2026. (release)

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Belmopan, Belize - June 23, 2025 – Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) supported under the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Fund (UKCIF) took centre stage at the Buy Belizean Expo on June 14th,2025, in Dangriga Town to showcase their products and services after months of targeted assistance.

Their participation was the culmination of a comprehensive technical assistance programme funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (UK FCDO), as part of the wider UKCIF Coastal Highway Upgrading Project. This initiative was implemented in partnership with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), and the Belize Trade & Investment Development Service (BELTRAIDE).

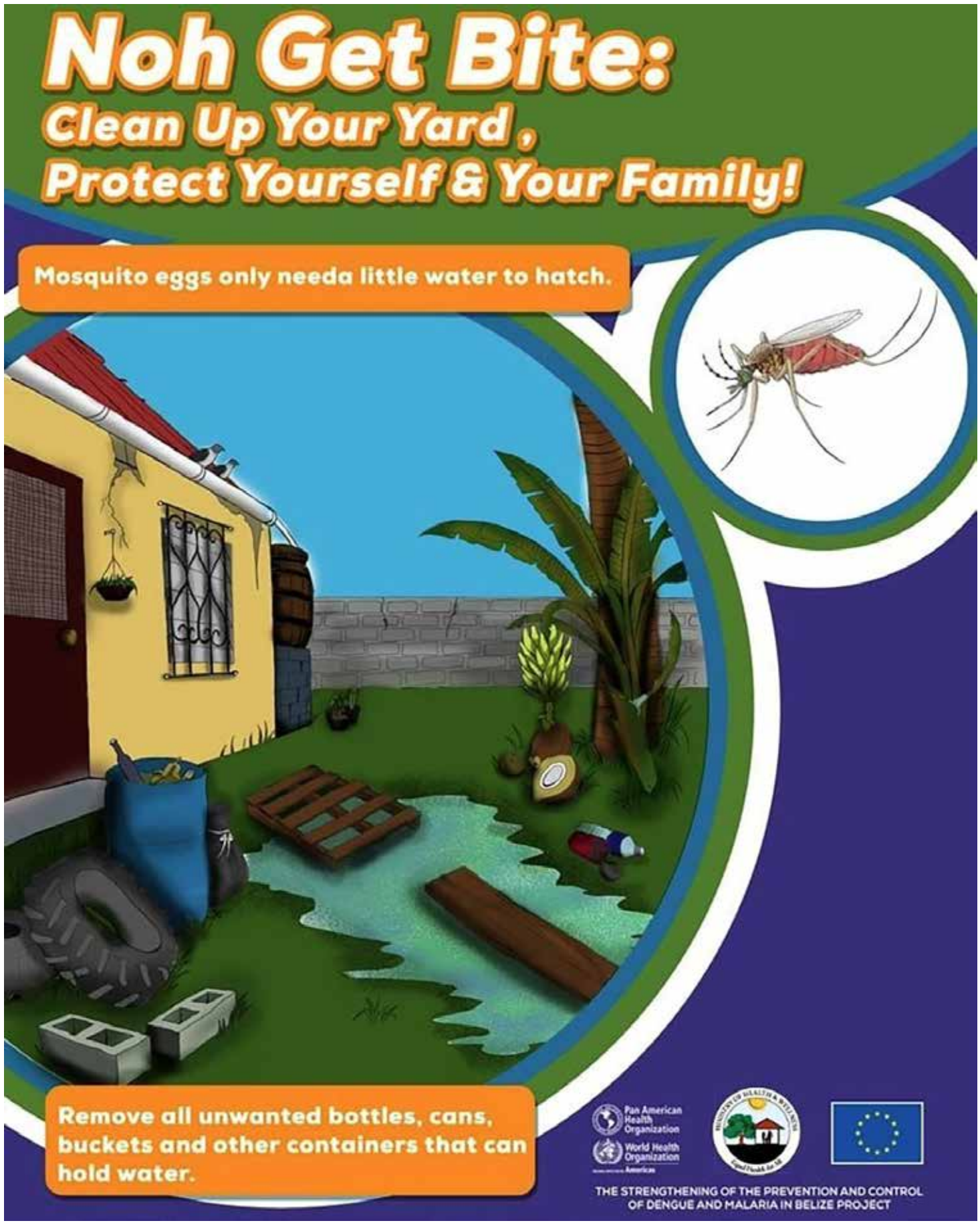
The Coastal Highway Upgrading Project is financed by a £26 million (US$32 million) grant from the UK FCDO and a US$34.5 million (£28 million) loan from the CDB, along with counterpart funding from the Government of Belize. Together, these investments aim to strengthen infrastructure and economic resilience in coastal communities.

The initiative has supported the formalisation of 80 Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and the training of 59 business owners in the coastal communities of Gales Point and Mullins River Villages— double the original target.

BELTRAIDE has played a key role in equipping MSMEs with skills in business development and formalisation. For the entrepreneurs and businesses supported through the UKCIF programme—including those benefiting from BELTRAIDE's training, the Buy Belizean Expo marked a pivotal milestone. It offered a platform to tap into new economic opportunities, expand market access, and experience the real-world impact of strategic investment in sustainable livelihoods.

During the event, 21 MSMEs which had participated in the formalisation and training activities delivered by BELTRAIDE, alongside support agencies, highlighted their vibrant entrepreneurial spirit and economic resilience fostered through this initiative.

The new Acting British High Commissioner to Belize, Mr. Alistair White, spoke at the event, noting that, "The UK is proud to support this Expo, which brings to life some of our major aims through the UK Caribbean Infrastructure Fund - increasing opportunities and improving people's lives." (release)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OFFICIAL LAUNCH
BELIZE FILM XCHANGE WORKSHOP

NICH & Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, and Immigration; the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology; and the Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries

Directing, Costume Design, Or Indie Film Producing

"5 full days of industry-level training led by international and local experts"

June 23, 2025 - The Belize Film Commission, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, and Immigration, and the Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, officially launched the highly anticipated Belize Film Xchange Workshop Series this morning at the ITVET Campus on Freetown Road, Belize City.

The opening ceremony featured powerful remarks from key government officials, who underscored the significance of film as a developing sector within Belize's orange economy.

Ministers Hon. Francis Fonseca and Hon. Kareem Musa, along with the Film Commissioner, Carlo Habet, shared the government's strong commitment to fostering innovation and supporting Belize's creative industries. Additionally, they highlighted the importance of building an innovative film industry that not only promotes cultural expression but also creates sustainable opportunities for Belizean talent. The reaffirmation of the government's commitment and broader recognition of the orange economy was also solidified as a vital area of national development. They emphasized that, while Belize's film industry is still in its early stages, initiatives like the Film Xchange Workshop Series represent crucial building blocks in establishing a vibrant, professional sector.

The workshop series welcomes over 30 participants from diverse backgrounds who will be engaging in the five-day intensive course covering a range of essential areas in filmmaking, including:

Running June 23–27, 2025, this five-day immersive workshop intensive offers hands-on training from leading industry professionals across every stage of filmmaking. Each day's sessions ran from 8 AM–5 PM and cover:

Screenwriting & Directing (June 23): Nadieme Villar (Belize/US) leads a morning session on screenwriting, followed by directing fundamentals with Samantha Aldana (Belize/US).

Cinematography & Lighting/G&E (June 24): Nick Shamblott (US) guides participants through camera techniques and lighting/grip & electric workflows.

Production Sound, Design & Producing (June 25): María Rojas (Mexico) covers production sound; Nadieme Villar discusses production design; Deborrah Fairweather (BZ) leads costume design; Misty Talley & Samantha Aldana explore indie film producing, festivals, grants, and the Belize production landscape is covered with Feste Films + IGNITE Media.

The workshop brings together both local and international facilitators, offering ITVET certified training aimed at nurturing professional growth, technical knowledge, and collaborative creativity.

This marks a historic step toward the development of a structured, innovative, and sustainable film industry in Belize, fuelled by talent, guided by vision, and powered by collaboration.

The Belize Film Xchange Workshop Series is brought to you by the Belize Film Commission and made possible through the support of NICH under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, and Immigration; the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology; and the Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries. (release)

One of the presenters listed, Nadieme Angelia Villar is Orange Walk's very own. Nadiemi Angelia attended Muffles College where she excelled in academics and extra-curriculars like Science Fairs. She then went on to earn a B.A. in Film and Television at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). In a FB Post she conveys: "Being raised from Belize and born in LA, the best way I could've navigated my life was to dream and visualize my place in this life journey of intersecting stories. When I was in Muffles (H.S) I just always loved how my teachers Mrs Marleny or Mr. Jarell would break down the story of poems, and in SJC i will never forget how immersed I was in the Atlantic world of Mr Gian's history classes, and Free to explore my creative voice through Ms Hollands Classes. Academia has always been my place to learn about myself and I've learnt so much more living at UCLA and being away from Belize. I've never felt more like an outsider living in the country I was born in, as plenty of the growing pains are a result of growing the little girl raised in Belize. Belize the whole country from the Rio Hondo to Sarstoon River is my home, and I'm proud to have served you here at UCLA TFT film becoming a Belizean filmmaker in the 1% accepted transfers. I'll come home, but later as my personal mission still isn't over."

Look out for more stories of her and other presenters and the sessions of the FILM XCHANGE WORKSHOP.

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- Oversee daily accounting activities, including payments, transfers, accounts payable/receivable, and general ledger updates.
- Ensure effective time management in delivering all reports and reconciliations prepared by department staff.
- Liaise with internal and external auditors, tax advisors, and regulatory authorities by ensuring timely submissions and support during audits and reviews.
- Manage access to the main vault in accordance with established procedures and guidelines.
- Manage and ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the Central Bank's payment and procurement operations within established systems, procedures, and internal controls.
- Ensure full compliance with accounting standards, financial regulations, and internal control policies.
- Perform other related duties that may be assigned from time to time.

The applicants should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A master's degree in accounting, finance, banking, business administration, or other related field from a recognized university with three (3) years of relevant experience **OR**
- A bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, banking, business administration, or other related field from a recognized university with six (6) years of relevant experience.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Familiarity with the Central Bank of Belize Act, and relevant sections of the Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) Act, and their accompanying regulations; Working knowledge of IFRS and accounting concepts and principles in general; Strong management and leadership skills; Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Analytical Ability, Communication, Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Job Knowledge, Organisational Ability, Problem Solving/Judgement, Quality of Output, Decision Making, Delegation & Empowerment, Strategic Management, Coaching & Development.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 9 July 2025**:

- Central Bank Employment Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates
- Two (2) current references (preferably from previous or current employer)

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Assistant Manager- Accounts and Budget Department

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)

Corozal Bay Mundialito 2025

June 21, 2025 – Hon Thea Garcia-Ramirez(Corozal Representative): "And just like that, Corozal Bay Mundialito 2025 is officially underway!

Not even a little rain could stop the energy, the smiles, and the heart these kids brought today. 20 teams stood out with passion in their game and joy in their spirit, this is what summer in Corozal is all about.

A big thanks to the CCC Marching Band for bringing the vibes and leading off our opening parade in true Corozal style.

Here's to a season full of teamwork, fun, and unforgettable memories! Let the games begin!"

Apologies for possibly spoiling this great story. The rag falsely called a newspaper, the ex-mass party's Guardian, focused on lying on the cost of the Andres Campos Civic Center in Corozal. After a heavy downpour water poured into the complex. No one can control water. Instead of that, the Guardian could have spent it's space and energy on helping Belize and the future at this Mundialito. The UDP does not get it…the people want positive energy. Yes, they don't want corruption; that is the reason the UDP is out. When you can, Guardian, be positive. Here you missed this great story. Watch the pictures!!

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The Supply and Delivery of Vehicles – Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour, and Local Government.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development Labour and Local Government located at 5163 University Boulevard, Belmopan City hereby invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotations for the supply and delivery of vehicles as per below:

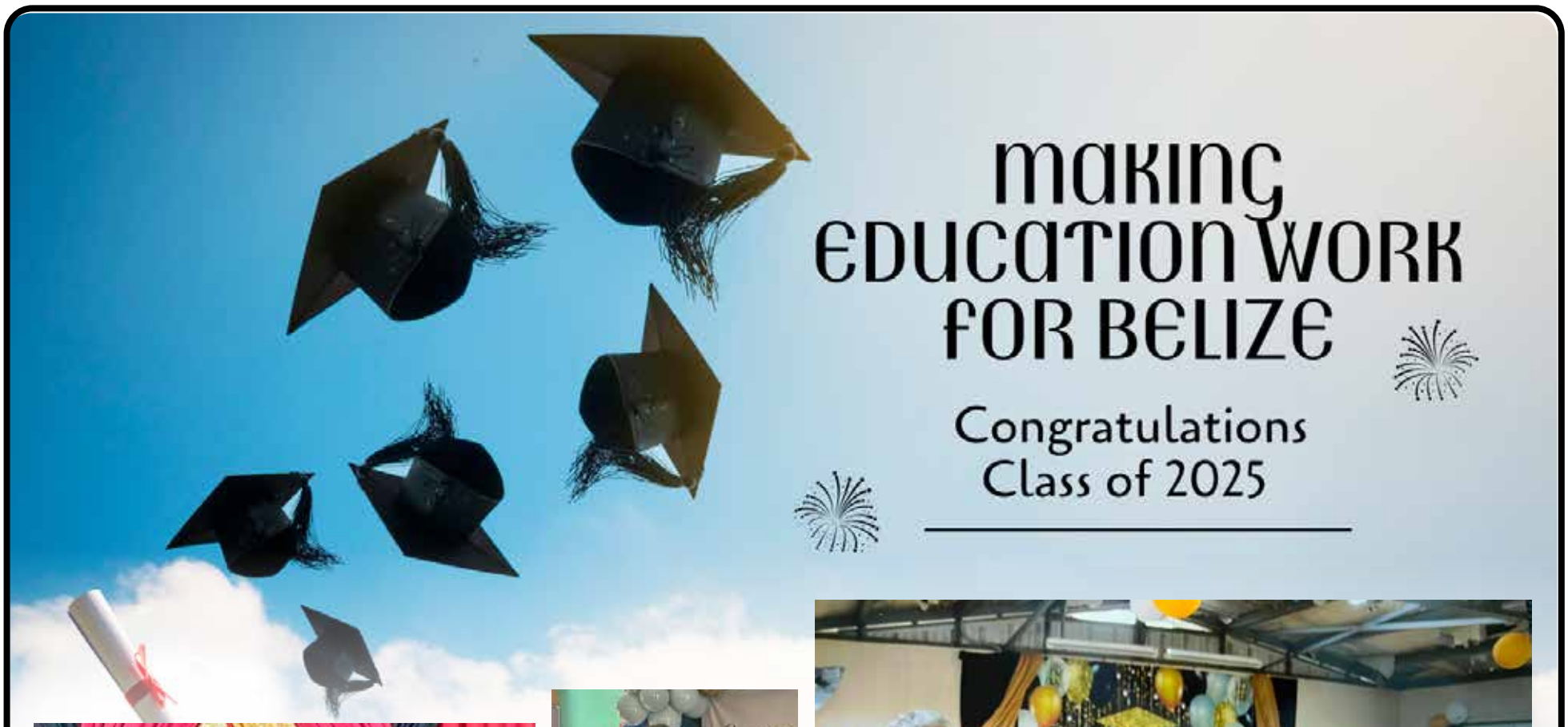
No.	Item	Description of Goods	Quantity	Final Destination
1	Pickup truck	4 x4 crew cab	3	The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour, and Local Government

The Request for bids is in accordance with the Open Tendering Procedure as specified in the Finance and Audit (Reform) Act, Chapter 15 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011. For further information and to obtain the bidding documents, free of cost, interested bidders can send their request to email address below no later than July 16, 2025.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 4:00 pm on Friday July 18, 2025 (Local Belize Time). Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the evaluation committee on Monday July 21, 2025, at 2:00 pm.

The address referred to above is:

Joshua Martinez,
Finance Officer,
Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour, and Local Government
5163 University Boulevard
Belmopan, Belize
Telephone: 828-4300
financeofficer@labour.gov.bz



Louisiana Government School – Special Envoy Supporting Education

Mount Carmel RC Primary School SPED Program

Hattieville Government School Graduation – Hon. Dolores Guest Speaker

Epworth Methodist PS

All Saints Anglican School

San Pablo RC School

Hills of Promise SDA PS - Benque

National Chung Cheng University -Taiwan

Our Lady of Bella Vista R.C. School

Holy Cross Anglican School

St. Vincent Pallotti PS

Trial Farm Government School

PlanBelize 2.0

PM Briceño, (OW Central), Finance, Investment & Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation & E-Governance

Signing MOU w/ International Finance Corporation, member of World Bank group

Hon. Landy Habet, Cayo Northeast - MIDH

Bullet Tree to Spanish Lookout Road construction underway

Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, supporting Corozal Bay Sports

A downpour just livened up the Mundialito

Min. Requena (Toledo West), Education, Science, Technology

Official Tour of the Julian Cho Technical High School

Hon. Osmond Martinez (Toledo East)

Official attendance at Our Lady of Bella Vista RCS graduation

Indigenous Women Artisan for Southern Belize Project

Benque Town Council w/ Ministry of Labour

Labour Rights Session

Min. Kareem Musa (Caribbean Shores), Home Affairs & New Growth Industries

Fight on Crime Discussion: Annual EL PACCTO 2.0

Hon. Ramiro Ramirez, Corozal Southeast

San Narciso Village w truck pickup is a reality

VILLAGE COUNCIL Wrapping up

PUP GETS A POWERFUL RURAL BELIZE MANDATE

Caye Caulker candidates

Roaring Creek candidates

Ladyville candidates

Min. Julius Espat and Team's MIDH all over Belize

At Beaver Dam Bridge

Boom Cutoff, PGH Upgrade Project

Near Gardenia, PGH Upgrade

right antrack

'Vamos Bien In 2025'

vamos bien

VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN

WHEN THE TIDE TURNS: THE CLOAK OF POLITICAL DECEPTION EXPOSED

By Hilly Bennett

Today the world is experiencing a serious geopolitical shift with the war intensifying between Israel and Iran. The Trumpian tariff decisions and other signed Executive Orders have upended the world order. The wanton deportations will have implications on receiving nations in their systems such as healthcare, education and the social and human development sectors. The rules of multilateralism have been undermined and how countries export and import commodities has become burdensome and costly. Presently, small import-dependent economies like Belize continue to struggle with the inflationary trap and the increase in cost-of-living from the external realities. The suggestion by the Iranian Parliament in retaliation for Trump's decision to target Iran is to close the Strait of Hormuz. The Strait is responsible for the movement of 20% of oil globally. This decision could impact not only the price of oil but also food security and an increase in most import/export commodities. Understandably, oil plays an important role in driving the machinery of production, across various sectors and the fluctuation in prices has a direct impact on the cost of production and economic activity.

Notwithstanding the projected external shocks, locally in Belize, the country is grappling with the downturn in two of its major revenue-earning industries caused by the agro effects of the Fusarium disease on the sugarcane industry and the New World Screwworm (NWS) disease affecting the cattle industry. Millions of dollars are being earmarked for the industries to address the diseases. Both of which can affect Belize's food security and compound the cost-of-living effect. Inflows of remittances from the diaspora have been jolted and travel to Belize has trickled and the effects are closely being monitored by the Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations and the Belize Tourism Board (BTB). Since June 1st, the hurricane season began and is supposed to be a very active one, indicated by the weather forecasters. God forbid, Belize could be facing down the barrel of one of the most destructive hurricanes this season.

But the unconscionable acts by the union leaders and some of its members could push those poor souls living on the margins back to the fringes. The same poor souls that will have to shell out more in taxes to give those greedy Union leaders that 8.5% raise in one payment. One Union leader, Baird, suggests that putting the lives of patients at risk with go-slows and walk-outs is a worthy retaliation for a union issue that has been addressed by the KHMHA. Nadia Caliz admitted that the students' learning, doesn't matter. Dean Flowers', who has been called out for fleecing the Public Service in shady, underhanded land transactions in the UDP Guardian, political red slip showed while sitting with the Leader of the Opposition, Tracy Panton and Mesop Representative, Lee Mark Chang in a plot to destabilise the airport security. APSSM President, Sharon Frazer, admitted that the government has not denied the Public Officers and Teachers the 8.5% raise, and that it is just a matter of implementation. The eight points of demands by the union members and leaders are a done deal and GOB has given their commitment to deliver on the demands. As one individual said, "The teachers won already."

Undoubtedly, the intent is to overthrow the government. The protest and the blockage of roads have nothing to do with the interests of the members. The motive of their actions is shrouded in political deception designed to gaslight the masses—supporters who have given the PUP Government the overwhelming mandate to lead. In multiple elections, supporters have given the PUP Government the overwhelming mandate(s) to lead. The cloak of UDP political deception has been exposed and the tides of public sentiment and sympathy for the unionists are fast turning. The cloak of UDP political deception has been exposed and when the tide turns, then what, Mr. Flowers, Mr. Baird, Ms. Caliz, and Ms. Frazer?

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Supply and installation of irrigation equipment in three (3) lots

Country: Belize
Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Assignment Title: *Supply and installation of irrigation equipment in three (3) lots*
Reference No.: RRB.G.32

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund ("GCF") towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the works for which this Request for Bids (RFB) is issued.

The goods and related services, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lot 1: Supply of Control head: Cooperativa Los Buenos Amigos Cooperative, in Trio Village, Toledo District; Family Food Farmers Group, in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District; Bomba United Farmers' Cooperative, in Bomba Village, Belize District

Lot. 2 – Supply of Water Distribution Network (Assorted Pipes and Fittings) and Drip System: Cooperativa Los Buenos Amigos Cooperative, in Trio Village, Toledo District; Family Food Farmers Group, in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District; Bomba United Farmers' Cooperative, in Bomba Village, Belize District

Lot 3: Supply and Installation of Submersible Solar Water Pumps: Cooperativa Los Buenos Amigos Cooperative, in Trio Village, Toledo District; Family Food Farmers Group, in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District; Bomba United Farmers' Cooperative, in Bomba Village, Belize District

A bid-securing declaration is required to be submitted with a bid for the following lots:

- Lot 1
- Lot 2
- Lot 3

The Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation & E-Governance/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites construction firms to submit bids for the construction of works as outlined in the Request for Bids (RFB) documentation. Contractor/s will be selected using the national competitive bidding (NCB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall request the full bidding document by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive the full bidding document (RFB) as well as updates regarding this procurement procedure.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Hummingbird Highway
National Agriculture Showgrounds,
City of Belmopan, Belize
E-mail: lpalacio.rrb@med.gov.bz
Copied to: Nadia Vernon, nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz

Please note that bids can be submitted either physically or electronically. In submitting a physical bid, the bidder must submit one (1) original and two (2) copies, sealed in two separate inner envelopes, enclosed in one outer envelope, sealed and marked as per ITB 23.2(c), and addressed to the address stated above. In addition, one copy of the bid shall be an electronic copy saved on a flash drive also included in the sealed outer envelope. Electronic Bids shall be submitted by e-mail, as a password protected, single attachment, in pdf format, by the deadline and to the e-mail address stated above. The password shall be submitted in a separate e-mail, five (5) to ten (10) minutes after the bid submission deadline and before the public opening of bids as specified in BDS 24.1 and 27.1.

The pre-bid meeting shall be held at the following address: Resilient Rural Belize Programme Office, Hummingbird Highway, National Agriculture Show Grounds, City of Belmopan, Cayo District. The date and time of the pre-bid meeting is July 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. local time.

The deadline for submission of bids shall be no later than **July 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the address above.

The PUP Memory

Documenting the Journey: 75 Years of National Impact and Change

As part of the People's United Party's (PUP) 75th Anniversary celebrations, ***The PUP Memory*** is the start of a major digital archive and exhibit. This archive aims to gather and publicly showcase the stories, images, and reflections of Belizeans whose lives and communities have been impacted by the People's United Party.

It is a people-powered archive that honors the party's commitment to public service, grassroots connection, and democratic engagement.

To ensure the success and inclusivity of this project, active involvement from the Executive Committees of each constituency is critical in:

1. Appointing a constituency coordinator responsible for encouraging and managing submissions and communicate with the project team.
2. Guide constituents to record data using printed forms or the online survey provided to complete their submissions.
3. Organize small gatherings or home visits to collect personal stories, photographs or quotes answering the guiding question: How has the PUP served your community?
4. Lead constituency-level online (Facebook, WhatsApp groups, and Facebook pages) campaign to collect submissions from constituents.

Submission Details:

1. The submission of photos and materials collected should be done following this link: **https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeW5hU54Uf40g93abyBX4Bf5IXmloyAxeXFDp0gmU1FqsZJaA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=106990140789598503008**
2. The information can be filled in and emailed to the email **pupmemory75@gmail.com.** The email should be accompanied by the form.

Deadline for Submissions: 15 July 2025

The PUP Memory – Submission Form

This form is entirely voluntary. By participating, you agree to share information and photographs that may be used for online and national exhibitions.

Fill the form or submit in this format:

1. **Contributor**: Provide the name of the person submitting their photo(s) to the archive.

_____ _____

2. Contributor's Phone Number: _____
3. Contributor's Email: _____
4. Can you tell us why or how you became a member of the PUP? (100words limit)
5. Please tell us the name of the person[s] in the photo[s] you are submitting:
6. Provide the date (or approximate year) the photo was taken. _____
7. Location: Provide the location where the picture was taken (Village/Town/District)

_____

8. Photo Details: Provide us with brief notes about the photo you will attach (such as campaigning, executive meeting etc). (100words limit)
9. Quote/Reflection: Leave a message for the party answering the question: How has the PUP served your community? (100words limit)
10. Is there someone in your community that should be acknowledged for their involvement as a member of the PUP? Tell us their names and why? (100words limit)

Please email this form and your photographs to the email pupmemory75@gmail.com. Thank you for your submission!

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Laboratory Technicians
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-490568-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified **LABORARTORY TECHNICIANS (2) FOR THE SUGAR INDUSTRY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (SIRDI) INTEGRATED PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT LABORATORY.** The Laboratory Technicians will work directly under the supervision of the Head of the Laboratory. All work conducted, including reports will be overseen by the Head of the Laboratory and the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP) team.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit three **(2) Laboratory Technicians for SIRDI.**

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty (20) months commencing August 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications
• Associate's Degree in general science, biology, chemistry, agriculture or a certified equivalent study. (10 points)
General Experience
• A minimum of two (2) years of work experience in the agricultural sector. (max 15 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)
Specific Experience
• Laboratory Equipment Operation and Maintenance- Minimum of one year's hands-on experience operating, calibrating, and maintaining laboratory equipment. Experience with aseptic techniques and biosecurity protocols to prevent contamination and ensure the integrity of biological cultures. (Max 25 points)
• Laboratory Data Management and Reporting - Familiarity with regulatory documentation requirements for biological products. (max 20 points)
• Laboratory Diagnostics and Analysis- Experience in performing laboratory diagnostics and analyses, contamination checks, and other quality assurance tests. (max 15 points)
• Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Biological Control Research Support - Knowledge of regulatory and safety standards for handling agrochemical products. (max 15 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **July 16, 2025** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Field Supervisor
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-490564-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified **FIELD SUPERVISOR FOR THE SUGAR INDUSTRY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (SIRDI).** The Field Supervisor will work directly under the supervision of the Extension Officer (IPM) for SIRDI. All work conducted, including reports will be overseen by the Extension Officer (IPM) and the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP) team.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit a **Field Supervisor for SIRDI.**

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty (20) months commencing August 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications
• Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture, Agronomy or any other field related to the assignment. (max 10 points)
General Experience
• A minimum of three (3) years of work experience in the agricultural sector in the capacity of Supervisor. (max 15 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)
Specific Experience
• At least three years' experience in implementing pest & disease management strategies and field protocols. (max 25 points)
• At least three years' experience working with Android Applications, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) or other customized applications for data collection (max 20 points)
• At least three years' experience working with farmers in rural communities (max 15 points)
• At least three assignments coordinating and conducting training to small groups of farmers (max 15 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

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A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Field Officers
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-490566-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified **FIELD OFFICERS (3) FOR THE SUGAR INDUSTRY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (SIRDI).** The Field Officers will work directly under the supervision of the Field Supervisor (IPM) for SIRDI. All work conducted, including reports, will be overseen by Field Supervisor (IPM) for SIRDI and the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP) team.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit three **(3) Field Officers for SIRDI.**

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty (20) months commencing August 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications
• Associate Degree in Agricultural Science or a closely related field; however, a High School Diploma may be considered. (max 15 points)
General Experience
• A minimum of two (2) years of work experience in the agricultural sector. (max 15 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)
Specific Experience
• At least two years' experience in implementing pest & disease management strategies and field protocols. (max 20 points)
• At least two years' experience working with Android Applications, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) or other customized applications for data collection (max 20 points)
• At least one-year experience working with farmers in rural communities (max 15 points)
• At least one assignment coordinating and conducting training to small groups of farmers (max 15 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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Belize Social Investment Fund

JOB VACANCY

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) is a quasi-governmental body that was established by the Government of Belize (GOB) in 1996 with the passage of the Social Investment Fund Act. The BSIF is designed to contribute to the reduction of poverty in both urban and rural areas through the delivery of small-scale community sub-projects. The entity assists poor local communities in identifying their problems and in deciding which interventions they need as solutions. The fund has implemented numerous sub-projects under various sectors including water and sanitation, health, economic infrastructure, education, social services and organizational strengthening.

BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Senior Accounts Officer**

Job Summary:

• The Senior Accounts Officer will be stationed at the BSIF's headquarters in Belmopan. The Senior Accounts Officer will have the overall responsibility of sundry accounting and project administrative tasks required for the successful implementation of the Social Investment Fund Projects

Qualifications & Experience:

Practical experience in accounting practices and use of accounting tools and software, and excellent communication and writing skills.

Preferred Qualification:

• Associate Degree in Accounting, Management, Business Administration, Finance or equivalent
• Advanced computer skills with experience using Quick books Software

Preferred Experience:

• Experience working in a project environment for at least three (3) years
• Experience in conducting accounting under strict guidelines
• Three (3) years of experience conducting accounting services for international funding agencies
• Minimum three (3) to five (5) years working experience in accounting field

Competencies:

• The ability to demonstrate professional responsibility in fulfilling the requirements of the position. The ability to effectively manage one's time in a situation of competing demands so as to meet deadlines. The ability to work on own initiative without direct supervision.

Performance Criteria:

• The performance of the Senior Accounts Officer will be reviewed against but not limited to the following:
• Quality and timeliness of accounting tasks performed. Effectiveness of any assistance and guidance provided to achieve successful and satisfied outcomes.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

The Senior Accounts Officer responsibilities include the following:

• Maintain and update inventory of Fixed Assets and prepare depreciation schedules
• Reconcile Bank Statements monthly
• Upload payments to financial institution portal and write checks for payment
• Prepare Staff Payroll and ensure payment of all deductions
• Ensure that all suppliers' invoices are paid immediately upon settlement
• Ensure adequacy of documentation on expenditures prior to disbursement
• Reconcile Income Tax and Social Security Accounts
• Comply with financial management aspects of the project required by the funding agencies
• Verify recording of counterpart contribution whenever applicable
• Perform surprise cash count to the Custodian of the Petty Cash fund.
• Prepare the annual Contract Tax Report
• Prepare the annual Income Tax Report
• Prepare the annual Emolument Report
• Perform any other duties required for the effective functioning of the organization

Supervisor: Finance Unit Coordinator, Belize Social Investment Fund

Proposed Salary: Negotiable based on qualification and experience. The successful candidate will be employed on a full-time contractual basis and stationed at BSIF's Office in Belmopan. The initial contract period shall be two (2) years, extendable by mutual agreement in accordance with prevailing Belize legislation as well as results of his/her performance appraisal.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: ***Friday, 11th July 2025 at 5:00pm***
Kindly submit CVs, complete with cover letter, copies of degree/certificates to:

Executive Director
Belize Social Investment Fund
4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C Belmopan
Belize, Central America
Email: carlos.tun@sifbelize.org
Copy:stephanie.rodriguez@sifbelize.org

Re: Senior Accounts Officer

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Vehicles – Passenger Van

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1038-P00108
Deadline: **July 15th, 2025; 10:00 a.m.** (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the Project "Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize".

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to procure the **Supply and Delivery of one (1) Passenger Van.**

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the extended version of this Request for Bids (RFB) and Bidding Document, which may be accessed online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (CONSULTING FIRM)

Consultancy to Design and Support the Implementation of the First Phase of a National Single Window for Trade in Belize

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1040 – P00036
Deadline: July 18, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project - Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP).

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project proceeds to procure consulting services ("the Services") from a qualified firm for the **"Consultancy to Design and Support the Implementation of the First Phase of a National Single Window for Trade in Belize."**

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Extension Officer (2)

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Program of Sustainable and Inclusive Belize
Process ID: BL-L1041 – P00049
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Ladyville, Belize District and Yo Creek, Orange Walk District
Deadline: **July 7, 2025; 10:00 a.m.** (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project "Program of Sustainable and Inclusive Belize".

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage contractual services of an "**Extension Officer".**

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Communications Specialist

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program
Process ID: BL-L1042 – P00018
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Belize Fisheries Department, Belize City
Deadline: July 7, 2025; 11:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the Project "Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program".

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage contractual services of a **"Communication Specialist".**

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING FIRM)

Technical Assistance to Develop a Comprehensive Digital Transformation and Modernization Plan to Enhance Efficiency in Land Management and Administration in Belize

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1039 - P00037
Duration: Eight (8) Months
Deadline: **July 7, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize (DIEB). The general objective of the Program is to promote digitalization of firms and government services in order to promote growth and increase efficiency in Belize's economy.

One subcomponent of the DIEB is the undertaking of **"Technical Assistance to Develop a Comprehensive Digital Transformation and Modernization Plan to Enhance Efficiency in Land Management and Administration in Belize"**. The objective of this consultancy is to conduct an institutional review and assessment of the Land Registry and Lands and Surveys Departments, Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining, Belize to adapt their organizational structure, processes, and tools to the digital age.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in undertaking this Consultancy Service. For additional details, the required Expression of Interest Template can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR Code below.

Interested Firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Service. From the expressions of interest received, the Executing Agency will prepare a short list comprising not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15, as well as the GOB procurement policies and best practices, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies. Consultants will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Consultant Policies.

Qualified firms should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz or two (2) hardcopies of expression of interest to the address below clearly indicating **"Technical Assistance to Develop a Comprehensive Digital Transformation and Modernization Plan to Enhance Efficiency in Land Management and Administration in Belize"**.

The Deadline for submission is no later than **July 7, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time).** No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the expression of interest should be submitted to the following address:

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Central Executing
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Ministry of Finance
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Floor, Belmopan City, Belize,
Central America

Ref. "Technical Assistance to Develop a Comprehensive Digital Transformation and Modernization Plan to Enhance Efficiency in Land Management and Administration in Belize - BL-L1039"

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (CONSULTING FIRM)

Technical assistance to develop E-Portal, Digital Platform, Harmonization of ICT Processes and Simplified Digitalized Services for the Government of Belize

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1039 – P00029
Deadline: July 13, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project - Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to procure the services of a Consulting Firm to provide **"Technical assistance to develop E-Portal, Digital Platform, Harmonization of ICT Processes and Simplified Digitalized Services for the Government of Belize".**

The Ministry of Finance invites interested firms to access the full version of this REOI online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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NOTICE TO TAX DEFAULTERS

Pursuant to **Section 64A of the Tax Administration and Procedure Act, Cap 51, Revised Edition 2020, as amended by Act 19 of 2021**, the Director General of the Belize Tax Service Department hereby serves formal notice to tax defaulters with outstanding arrears due to the Government of Belize.

NAME	BUSINESS NATURE	LOCATION	TAX TYPE	AMOUNT OWED
HLB BELIZE, LLP	*Accounting, auditing and tax consultancy*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$2,674,501.20**
MAYATULUM GREAT DESTINATIONS	*Construction of buildings*	*CAYE CAULKER*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$75,934.69**
LORENA YASMIN CERVANTES	*Restaurants and mobile food service activities*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax*	**$3,878.53**
JOSEPH MEIGHAN t/a J AND B'S SECURITY SERVICE	*Security system services activities*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 462,348.71**
WALLACE DONAHUE TILLETT	*Architectural & Engineering activities*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax*	**$ 229,415.88**
BOSCO SUPERMARKET LTD	*Supermarket retailing in sales of goods*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 59,774.47**
IMASA PAINTS BELIZE COMPANY LIMITED	*Retail sale in Paints*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 109,464.54**
GRIDPOINT LAND SURVEYING LIMITED	*Architectural & Engineering Consulting Activities*	*BELMOPAN*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 45,514.55**
MARINE & SERVICES LIMITED	*Water Transportation & Freight Services*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax, GST, PAYE*	**$ 760,019.11**
MILTON PAULINO T/A PAULINO'S FUNERAL HOME	*Funeral Activities*	*STANN CREEK*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 138,049.64**
DENVOR FAIRWEATHER T/A 13 PRODUCTIONS	*Motion Picture, Video and television Production Activities*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 176,630.76**
CP BUILDINGS LIMITED	*Construction of Buildings*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 390,301.29**
GWEN'S KITCHEN 2**	*Restaurant & Food Mobile Services*	*BELIZE CITY*	*BT and GST*	**$ 82,257.53**
FLOR DE LOS ANGELES MELARA t/a JULIE'S CORN TORTILLA	*Restaurant & Food Mobile Services*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax*	**$ 6,727.15**
HEATHER DAWN LESLIE t/a DIS N' DAT CORNER	*Retail Sales in non-specialized Stores*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 41,609.91**
ECO FRIENDLY SOLUTIONS LIMITED	*Retail sale in ecofriendly products*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax, GST and, PAYE*	**$ 855,056.79**
MARK NEAL T/A BODY 2000	*other sport activities*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 124,265.87**
MICHELLE RUDON t/a GENESIS ARTS	*Other professional activities*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 107,095.26**
SMOQIZ BISTRO	*Restaurant & Food Mobile Services*	*PLACENCIA*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 44,915.08**
DENICE LEE RYAN t/a BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT	*Restaurant & Food Mobile Services*	*SAN PEDRO*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 477,925.82**
NORTHERN FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE SOCIETY**	*Marine Fishing*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 8,749,067.24**
ANDREW MUNNINGS t/a MUNNINGS FUNERAL SERVICES	*Funeral and live streaming services*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 10,069.96**
ELRINGTON & COMPANY LIMITED**	*Legal Services*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 100,508.90**
AHMAD HARMOUCH t/a LOCAL GROCERY STORE	*Retail sales in non-specialized stores*	SAN PEDRO	*Business Tax and GST*	**$ 32,761.96**
JAIME ANTONIO RIVERA	*Contractor*	*BELIZE CITY*	*Business Tax*	**$ 260,669.01**
LAURAJEAN FLOWERS t/a D KRIOL KITCHEN & LOUNGE	Restaurant & Food Mobile Services	*BELIZE CITY*	Business Tax and GST	**$ 38,958.26**
UNION DISTRIBUTION	Retail of pharmaceutical & medical goods	*BELIZE CITY*	Business Tax	**$ 381,886.95**
PLEXAR CAPITAL LLC	Real Estate activities	*STANN CREEK*	Business Tax and PAYE	**$ 1,364,096.08**
CALVERT SUPAUL JR.	Wholesale of food, beverages, and tobacco.	*TOLEDO*	Business Tax	**$ 154,714.23**
RONGMAN LI t/a PLACENCIA STORE	Retail sale in non-specialized stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating.	*PLAENCIA*	Business Tax and GST	**$ 109,946.17**
PRESTIGE AUTO SALES	Sale of Motor Vehicles	*BELIZE CITY*	Business Tax and GST	**$ 162,565.66**
BELIZE FORMATION SERVICE LIMITED**	Management of Trust, Fund, ICBs and other financial services	*BELIZE CITY*	Business Tax, PAYE and PAYE Recon	**$ 165,372.78**
DEZHENG ZHU t/a YEESY SHOPPING	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	*ORANGE WALK*	Business Tax, GST, PAYE and PAYE Recon	**$ 78,646.50**

*** kindly resume communication with BTSD,* ***immediately****.*

You are hereby directed to contact the Belize Tax Service Department without delay to settle all outstanding tax arrears. Failure to comply, immediately will result in swift legal action under Part VIII of the TAPA, for the full recovery of the amounts owed.

Director General
Belize Tax Service Department

ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT
VILLAGE COUNCILS ELECTIONS
OFFICIAL RESULTS - 22ND JUNE 2025

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Indian Church	**Chairperson**									
		AREVALO, Mark Stephen	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CORADO, Arnoldo Elias	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		DIAZ, Darrbey Amanda	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		RAMIREZ, Christian Darrell	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		RAMOS, Edwin Benny	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		REYES, Judith Alexandra	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		RIOS, Xiomara Anali	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT (cont.)

Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	San Carlos	**Chairperson**									
		HERNANDEZ ALEQUEJAY, Erin Isauro	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CORADO, Maximiliano	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		HERNANDEZ, Danny Antonio	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		HERNANDEZ, Marlon Enrique	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PEREZ, Maritza Floridalma	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		POP, Wendy Arlenie	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		REYES, Rudy Jeovanni	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT (cont.)

Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Fire Burn	**Chairperson**									
		VASQUEZ, Antonio Isabel	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		FEHR, Heinrich	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GONGORA, Elder Ronaldo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GONGORA, Fredy Orlando	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GONGORA, Rony Rafael	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MELENDREZ, Stephanie	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ORELLANA, Rigoberto Javier	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	San Lazaro	**Chairpersons**				**796**	**515**		**64.70**	2	
		GONZALEZ, Russel	Chairperson	176				34.17			14
		GONZALEZ, Ryan Gasper	**Chairperson**	**339**	**Elected**			65.83			
		Members					**3042**			6	
		ACOSTA, Shanti Jianeri	Member	174				5.72			
		AMAYA, Mariaquelin	Member	175				5.75			
		RODRIGUEZ, Haley Rachel	Member	174				5.72			
		RODRIGUEZ, Pablo Antanacio	Member	174				5.72			
		TILLETT, Ines	Member	164				5.39			
		YAM, Julian Javier	Member	164				5.39			10
		ALVARADO, Rigoberto	**Member**	**339**	**Elected**			11.14			
		CARRILLO, Virginio	**Member**	**333**	**Elected**			10.95			
		GONZALEZ, Lea Elizabeth	**Member**	**335**	**Elected**			11.01			
		RODRIGUEZ, Kelly Tonisha	**Member**	**341**	**Elected**			11.21			
		SANCHEZ, Oscar Remijio	**Member**	**337**	**Elected**			11.08			
		TILLETT, David Alonso	**Member**	**332**	**Elected**			10.91			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
	Trinidad	**Chairpersons**				**509**	**358**		**70.33**	4	
		MEDINA, Agileo	Chairperson	125				34.92			8
		TUN, Luis Leomar	**Chairperson**	**233**	**Elected**			65.08			
		Members					**2139**			4	
		CRUZ, Camilo Alberto	Member	133				6.22			

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6/22/25		MEDINA, Lidia Yurila	Member	129				6.03			5
		POTT, Roberto Antonio	Member	132				6.17			
		QUIME, David Cruzito	Member	128				5.98			
		TILLETT, Nuri Nubia	Member	136				6.36			
		TUN, Melvin Jan	Member	134				6.26			
		COYE, Virginia Genoveva	**Member**	**226**	**Elected**			10.57			
		MEDINA, Martin	**Member**	**223**	**Elected**			10.43			
		ORDONEZ, Zoila Marisol	**Member**	**229**	**Elected**			10.71			
		PEREZ, Johan Oswaldo	**Member**	**231**	**Elected**			10.80			
		TILLETT, Sergio Claver	**Member**	**221**	**Elected**			10.33			
		TUN, Rodrigo	**Member**	**217**	**Elected**			10.14			

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT (cont.)

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	**August Pine Ridge**	**Chairpersons**				**1140**	**680**		**59.65**	1	5
		BALAM, Melvin Raul	Chairperson	300				44.12			
		RENEAU, Fred	**Chairperson**	**380**	**Elected**			55.88			
		Members					**3994**			3	9
		BALAM, Jackeline Nora	Member	294				7.36			
		CASTELLANOS, Samuel Uriel	Member	295				7.39			
		CHAN, Dalila Judith	Member	294				7.36			
		CHAN, Laurelie Areli	Member	292				7.31			
		CORDOVA, Kiriany Lowany	Member	292				7.31			
		PECH, Angelica Cruz	Member	287				7.19			
		CHAN, Ilsnia Margarita	**Member**	**379**	**Elected**			9.49			
		CORDOVA, Jaser Jonathan	**Member**	**378**	**Elected**			9.46			
		GARCIA, Estela Ku	**Member**	**379**	**Elected**			9.49			
		ROMERO, Adalberto	**Member**	**377**	**Elected**			9.44			
		SOLIZ, Romel Fabian	**Member**	**375**	**Elected**			9.39			
		TORRES, Eulalio	**Member**	**352**	**Elected**			8.81			

BELIZE DISTRICT

Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	**Scotland Halfmoon**	**Chairperson**									
		CHARLESWORTH, Leslie Alexander	**Chairperson**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		Members									
		AGUILAR, Nelson Orlando	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		CHARLESWORTH, Iva Margaret	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		LODGE, Rhandene Sharlene	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		MALIC, Catrina	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		MOODY, Lyneece Dominique	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		VASQUEZ, Noah Jose	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						

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Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	**Flowers Bank**	**Chairperson**									
		FLOWERS, Kisha Lynn	**Chairperson**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		Members									
		MCFARLANE, Violet Estella	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		MITCHELL, Thresia Lesia	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		RHABURN, Randy Marlon	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		ROBINSON, Edison Donald	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		ROBINSON, Francine Melonie	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		TILLETT, Denfield Emmanuel	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						

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Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	**Bermudian Landing**	**Chairperson**									
		SUTHERLAND, Denise Lisa	**Chairperson**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		Members									
		JOSEPH, Geraldine Elizabeth	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		LU, Rhoda	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		POOK, Tamike Tiffany	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		RUSSELL, Leeza Ivanka	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						

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		RUSSELL, Lionel Theodore	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		TULCEY, Ruben Henry	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Rancho Dolores	**Chairperson**									
		PEREZ, Rosamond Geraldine	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		BULL, Herlet Everleen	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		JOSEPH, Keshia Marie	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MCKENZIE, Dafna Rose	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		POOK, Tanisha Agnella	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		TUCKER, Thelma Ethlin	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		YOUNG, Laken Monique	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Lord's Bank	**Chairperson**									
		SALINAS, Daniel Oscar	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		AUGUSTINE, Franisha Edisha Thomas	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		BAIZER, Harold Sterling Josiah	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GIBSON, Leon Kenroy	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		LONGSWORTH, Kerrian Radiance	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MICHAEL, Fiona Yvone	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		WILLIAMS, Marva Vern	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Hattieville	**Chairpersons**				**1040**	**540**		**51.92**	0	
		COLEMAN, Stephen Andy	**Chairperson**	**256**	**Elected**			47.41			16
		SMITH, Godwin Raymond	Chairperson	44				8.15			
		WAIGHT, Richard Anthony	Chairperson	240				44.44			
		Members					**3071**			0	
		ESQUILIANO, Paulida Jacinth	**Member**	**244**	**Elected**			7.95			
		KING, Shermaine Shantel	**Member**	**255**	**Elected**			8.30			
		MYVETT, Catherine Elizabeth	Member	215				7.00			
		PERERA, Keenan	Member	223				7.26			
		PHILLIPS, Tevonne	**Member**	**235**	**Elected**			7.65			
		THOMPSON, Patrick G.V.	Member	216				7.03			
		BAILEY, Rondale Avon	Member	42				1.37			
		DENA, Elizabeth	Member	49				1.60			
		KING, Shadrach	Member	51				1.66			20
		LEDLAN, Terry Monique	Member	43				1.40			
		STAINE, Elston Hubert	Member	56				1.82			
		TESECUM, Josephine Linda	Member	39				1.27			
		GILLETT, Andean Vanessa	**Member**	**245**	**Elected**			7.98			
		HOLLAND JENKINS, Shaylene Monique	**Member**	**244**	**Elected**			7.95			
		JAMES, Jeromy Johannnesburg	Member	228				7.42			
		JUAN, Dorian Marcus	Member	221				7.20			
		PETILLO, Mary Semone	**Member**	**233**	**Elected**			7.59			
		SUAREZ, Jose Antonio	Member	232				7.55			

BELIZE DISTRICT (cont.)

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
	Lucky Strike	**Chairpersons**				**190**	**114**		**60.00**	0	
		POLLARD, Oscar Anthony	Chairperson	45				39.47			3
		SMITH, Stanley Malcom Jeremiah	**Chairperson**	**69**	**Elected**			60.53			
		Members					**567**			0	
		POLLARD, Brandon Raymond	Member	38				6.70			

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6/22/25		SWIFT, Kayla Marie	Member	43				7.58			5
		ALVAREZ, Luis	Member	**79**	**Elected**			13.93			
		BAIZAR, Jolene Aleesha Joy	Member	**83**	**Elected**			14.64			
		GOTOY, Elvis Dion	Member	**80**	**Elected**			14.11			
		LESLIE, Dean Shelvin	Member	**72**	**Elected**			12.70			
		SMITH, Jada Laurenzina	Member	**88**	**Elected**			15.52			
		SWIFT, Jersha Jumelee	Member	**84**	**Elected**			14.81			

CAYO DISTRICT

Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	El Progresso	**Chairperson**									
		RUANO, Julio Adalberto	**Chairperson**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		Members									
		ALVARADO, Elvis	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		HERNANDEZ, Rigoberto	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		RUANO, Lillian Isela	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		SANTOS, Lily Noemi	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		TZIB, Benoni Octavius Cesar	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		WAIGHT, Moses	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						

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Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Santa Familia	**Chairperson**									
		CARRIAS, Julian Noel	**Chairperson**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		Members									
		CARIAS, Neidy	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		CARRIAS, Leonel	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		HUMES, Bridget	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		SABAL, Silas	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		TORRES, Sharely	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		TUN, Juan	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	San Antonio	**Chairperson**				**1377**	**864**		**62.75**	1	27
		CANTO, Gabino Celso	Chairperson	258				29.86			
		TZIB, Aron Timoteo	**Chairperson**	**606**	**Elected**			70.14			
		Members					**5056**			5	19
		CANTO, Gary Jesse	Member	282				5.58			
		CANTO, Nonato Pastor	Member	289				5.72			
		COC, Francisco Javier	Member	260				5.14			
		MENA, Rosalin Merari	Member	257				5.08			
		TZIB, Ladisleo Raymond	Member	262				5.18			
		TZIB, Mirrely Natalie	Member	268				5.30			
		CANTO, Sergio Leodan	**Member**	**585**	**Elected**			11.57			
		MAGANA, Ruben Alberto	**Member**	**585**	**Elected**			11.57			
		MAI, Saturnino Delmiro	**Member**	**573**	**Elected**			11.33			
		MESH, Gregory Isaie	**Member**	**601**	**Elected**			11.89			
		RIVERA, Noe Manuel	**Member**	**559**	**Elected**			11.06			
		SANTOS, Leroy Rito	**Member**	**535**	**Elected**			10.58			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Esperanza	**Chairperson**				**1063**	**288**		**27.09**	2	12
		SANCHEZ, Benjamin Ismael	Chairperson	139				48.26			
		TRAPP, Ismael Abel	**Chairperson**	**149**	**Elected**			51.74			
		Members					**1703**			1	4
		FLOWERS, Dennis Andrew	**Member**	**152**	**Elected**			8.93			
		GARCIA, Cindy Estella	Member	137				8.04			
		MENDOZA, Robert Richard	Member	138				8.10			
		PETERS, Floyd Robert	**Member**	**148**	**Elected**			8.69			
		ROACHES, Lloyd Edward	**Member**	**169**	**Elected**			9.92			
		VERNON, Heazel Louise	**Member**	**145**	**Elected**			8.51			
		CARRETELA, Jose Lucio	Member	131				7.69			
		MARTINEZ, Angel Alonzo	Member	141				8.28			
		MCKAY, Marisa Orsela	Member	108				6.34			
		PETERS, Earl Donald	**Member**	**155**	**Elected**			9.10			
		PETERS, Kelsey Renee	**Member**	**141**	**Elected**			8.28			
		VERNON, Robert Kent	Member	138				8.10			

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6/22/25	**Cotton Tree**	**Chairperson**				**805**	**337**		**41.86**	0	15
		JONES, Kimberly Leonie	Chairperson	115				34.12			
		OTERO, Oscar	**Chairperson**	**222**	**Elected**			65.88			
		Members					**1574**			2	37
		AYALA, Leonel Rodelfo	Member	107				6.80			
		GALIANO, Christian	Member	115				7.31			
		GONZALEZ, Gerson Rocael	Member	97				6.16			
		MATUTE, Joana Elizabeth	Member	104				6.61			
		MORALEZ, Linda Noemi	Member	98				6.23			
		ALVARADO, Matilda Patricia	**Member**	**137**	**Elected**			8.70			
		ALVARADO, Yorvin Eulalio	**Member**	**182**	**Elected**			11.56			
		BARRERA, Jessica Marle	**Member**	**182**	**Elected**			11.56			
		SALGUERO, Lilian Yvette	**Member**	**193**	**Elected**			12.26			
		VERON, Inga Susana	**Member**	**166**	**Elected**			10.55			
		ZULETA, Raul	**Member**	**193**	**Elected**			12.26			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	**Frank's Eddy**	**Chairperson**				**263**	**147**		**55.89**	0	11
		REYES, Alfredo	**Chairperson**	**74**	**Elected**			50.34			
		TZOTS, Juan Samuel	Chairperson	73				49.66			
		Members					**787**	0.00		0	14
		ACK, Pedro	**Member**	**76**	**Elected**			9.66			
		PERAZA, Miriam Lorena	**Member**	**74**	**Elected**			9.40			
		PERAZA, Ricardo	Member	62				7.88			
		RIVAS REYES, Nancy	**Member**	**66**	**Elected**			8.39			
		SALAS, Armando	Member	61				7.75			
		SEGURA, Maynor Raul	**Member**	**65**	**Elected**			8.26			
		CAAL, Kelly Sheridan	**Member**	**68**	**Elected**			8.64			
		DIAZ, Samuel Josue	Member	60				7.62			
		GUERRA, Lucia	**Member**	**70**	**Elected**			8.89			
		LARA, Brenda Leticia	Member	65				8.26			
		MARTINEZ QUIJADA, Walter Israel	Member	59				7.50			
		REYES, Yolanda	Member	61				7.75			

TOLEDO DISTRICT

Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	**Blue Creek**	**Chairperson**									
		CHIAC, Valentino	**Chairperson**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		Members									
		ACK, Roberto	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		HUN, Brenardo	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		ICAL, Martin	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		ICAL, Pablo	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		MAKIN, Estevan	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		SHO, Castulo	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						

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Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	**San Vicente**	**Chairperson**									
		POP, Gilberto	**Chairperson**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		Members									
		CAL, Dario	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		CAL, Domingo	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		CHEN, Ektor	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		COC, Deonel	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		VASQUEZ, Rober Enriquez	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		VASQUEZ, Wilvo Halexander	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						

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Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	**Jordan**	**Chairperson**									
		CHOC, Orlando	**Chairperson**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		Members									
		ACK, Alvin	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		ACK, Timothy	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		CAAL, Derman	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		CHOC, Mariano Florentino	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						
		TEUL, Erwin	**Member**	**Uncontested**	**Elected**						

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		TEUL, Rojelio Armando	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Santa Cruz	**Chairperson**									
		SHO, Timoteo	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CANTI, Reginaldo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CANTI, Renato	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		COY, Enrique	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		COY, Neriji Hananiah	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		POP, Jose	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SHO, Raymundo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Santa Teresa	**Chairperson**									
		MAS, Eligorio	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		ACK, Venancio	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CHUB, Arcenio	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CHUB, Pedro	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CUS, Alfonso	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ICAL, Jacinto Juniior	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		TEUL, Charles Levi Leo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Indian Creek	**Chairperson**				**455**	**360**		**79.12**	0	5
		CHOC, Domingo Fernando	**Chairperson**	**200**	**Elected**			55.56			
		CHOC, Juan	Chairperson	160				44.44			
		Members					**2149**			0	
		CHOC, Nicolas	**Member**	**194**	**Elected**			9.03			
		COC, Melanie Alvania	**Member**	**199**	**Elected**			9.26			
		CUCUL, Alfredo	**Member**	**198**	**Elected**			9.21			
		MAAS, Ector	**Member**	**198**	**Elected**			9.21			
		MAQUIN, Silvania	**Member**	**194**	**Elected**			9.03			2
		SAM, Donicio	**Member**	**187**	**Elected**			8.70			
		CAAL, Sebastian	Member	159				7.40			
		COC, Pedro	Member	162				7.54			
		MAS, Julian	Member	167				7.77			
		MAS, Victor	Member	162				7.54			
		TEUL, Bertran	Member	164				7.63			
		TEUL, Francisco	Member	165				7.68			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Big Falls	**Chairperson**				**816**	**383**		**46.94**	3	15
		CHOCO, Gregorio	**Chairperson**	**229**	**Elected**			59.79			
		TUT, Bonifacio	Chairperson	154				40.21			
		Members					**2255**			4	
		CHOKO, Eulalio	**Member**	**210**	**Elected**			9.31			
		MOORE, Zebedee Augustin	**Member**	**226**	**Elected**			10.02			
		MUCU, Carlos	**Member**	**214**	**Elected**			9.49			
		OLIVA, Rogelio Michael	**Member**	**211**	**Elected**			9.36			
		RASH, Pedro	**Member**	**213**	**Elected**			9.45			
		SAM, Rosaria	**Member**	**207**	**Elected**			9.18			6
		ACK, Andres Juan	Member	166				7.36			
		POP, Marta	Member	150				6.65			
		REQUENA, Nella Liliana	Member	167				7.41			
		SHO, Eberlee	Member	171				7.58			
		TUT, Basilio	Member	148				6.56			
		TEUL, Rahyla Marcelie	Member	172				7.63			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
	Crique Jute	**Chairperson**				**140**	**67**		**47.86**	0	1
		CHO, Porfilio Secundino	Chairperson	24				35.82			
		POP, Modesto	**Chairperson**	**43**	**Elected**			64.18			
		Members					**383**			0	
		ALCALHA, Aaron Francis	Member	21				5.48			

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6/22/25		BOLON, Francelia Bolon	Member	24				6.27			2
		CAL, Jovanna Ullanne	Member	24				6.27			
		CHO, Nicasio Anthony	Member	28				7.31			
		MAKIN, Mariano	Member	23				6.01			
		TZUB, Panfilia	Member	23				6.01			
		Ah, Maura Isabela	**Member**	**41**	**Elected**			10.70			
		BOLON, Oliver	**Member**	**45**	**Elected**			11.75			
		BUL, Dolores	**Member**	**40**	**Elected**			10.44			
		CHIAC, Celedonio	**Member**	**40**	**Elected**			10.44			
		POP, Barbara Cristina	**Member**	**39**	**Elected**			10.18			
		POP, Victoria Teresita	**Member**	**35**	**Elected**			9.14			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	San Antonio	**Chairperson**				**800**	**352**		**44.00**	0	10
		SALAM, Jeremias	**Chairperson**	**183**	**Elected**			51.99			
		SHO, Solomon Julian	Chairperson	169				48.01			
		Members					**2063**			0	9
		AH, Eugenio Aquilino	**Member**	**179**	**Elected**			8.68			
		BOL, Lorenzo Demetrio	**Member**	**180**	**Elected**			8.73			
		CAL, Pasqua Leo	**Member**	**183**	**Elected**			8.87			
		CHUN, Reyes	**Member**	**184**	**Elected**			8.92			
		COWO, Seturnino	**Member**	**182**	**Elected**			8.82			
		COWO, Severiano	**Member**	**170**	**Elected**			8.24			
		AH, Naomi Mara	Member	158				7.66			
		CAL, Toribio Prudencio	Member	166				8.05			
		CHANEB, Hipolito	Member	162				7.85			
		SALAM, Irineo	Member	169				8.19			
		SALAM, Wildo	Member	166				8.05			
		SHO, Edward Ernest	Member	164				7.95			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Mafredi	**Chairperson**				**100**	**74**		**74.00**	0	0
		PARHAM, Rudolph Kenrick	Chairperson	32				43.24			
		RODRIGUEZ, Kimberly Roxann	**Chairperson**	**42**	**Elected**			56.76			
		Members					**418**			4	2
		BONILLA, Dina Arely	Member	27				6.46			
		CHIAC, Elvira	Member	31				7.42			
		COC, Leon Ernelo	**Member**	**37**	**Elected**			8.85			
		FOSTER, Rafael	Member	28				6.70			
		PARHAM, Shermane Idolin	**Member**	**37**	**Elected**			8.85			
		RODRIGUEZ, Laurencio Anderson	Member	30				7.18			
		CALIZ, Samwell David	Member	32				7.66			
		CHE, Andrea	**Member**	**44**	**Elected**			10.53			
		PEREZ, Carmelo	**Member**	**41**	**Elected**			9.81			
		REYES, Ovidio	**Member**	**40**	**Elected**			9.57			
		RODRIGUEZ, Erminia Renita	Member	35				8.37			
		WILLIAMS, Eric Sidney	**Member**	**36**	**Elected**			8.61			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	Silver Creek	**Chairperson**				**328**	**185**		**56.40**	1	1
		CHO, Ronnie Thaddeus	**Chairperson**	**120**	**Elected**			64.86			
		CHOC, Santiago	Chairperson	65				35.14			
		Members					**1043**			1	5
		CHOC, Keraldo	**Member**	**107**	**Elected**			10.26			
		CHOCO, Sabastian	**Member**	**112**	**Elected**			10.74			
		CUS, Carlos	**Member**	**118**	**Elected**			11.31			
		TEUL, Alfredo	**Member**	**115**	**Elected**			11.03			
		TEUL, Hendry	**Member**	**105**	**Elected**			10.07			
		ZUNIGA, Eugenio	**Member**	**109**	**Elected**			10.45			
		CHE, Pedro	Member	67				6.42			
		COCO, Cresencio Anselmo	Member	68				6.52			
		CHOKO, Miguel	Member	64				6.14			
		CHUB, Jose	Member	65				6.23			
		CO, Santiago	Member	60				5.75			
		POP, Feliciano	Member	53				5.08			

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KHMHA's "Commitment to fair and transparent negotiation"

Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority PRESS RELEASE

Belize City, June 23, 2025

The Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority (KHMHA) wishes to inform the public that it recognizes the KHMHAWU's request and reiterates its commitment to fair and transparent negotiation.

The Authority supports an ex-gratia payment to staff members for the period between 2001, when the Authority was established, and 2017, when the Provident Fund was created in fulfilment of the KHMHA Act. Section 8(8) of the Act states that the Authority MAY establish a Pension Scheme, Social Security Scheme, or Provident Fund Scheme. The Provident Fund was established in 2017 after years of intensive negotiations between management and staff members.

The proposal presented to the KHMHAWU by the negotiating team seeks to compensate qualifying staff members for their years of employment between 2001 and 2017. The negotiating team has agreed to an ex-gratia payment detailed in a letter to the KHMHAWU dated June 20, 2025. The agreed sums will be payable to eligible staff upon retirement, resignation, or release. This payment is in addition to other benefits every staff member accrues during the referenced period of employment and includes severance, social security benefits, vacation days, and provident fund benefits.

In addition to the aforementioned benefits, staff members currently enjoy a range of incentives, including hospital service discounts, free medical care, access to the staff clinic (which also serves their families), group health insurance, meals, study leave, night transportation, various allowances, and access to annual staff loans under concessionary terms.

The request for a pension could not be accommodated, as employees hired independently by the Authority do not fall within the category of persons entitled to a pension under the Pensions Act. A pension is due to public officers on retirement from the public service under the Government of Belize. Such pensions are payable by the Government of Belize and not the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority.

To ensure future retirement benefits for its valued employees, the Authority maintains the "KHMHA Employee Provident Fund" and continues to make monthly contributions towards all employees participating in the Fund.

The KHMHA remains committed to constructive dialogue with the KHMHAWU and looks forward to continued engagement towards the resolution of this matter and the successful conclusion of a mutually beneficial Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). (release)

Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT VILLAGE COUNCILS ELECTIONS OFFICIAL RESULTS - 22ND JUNE 2025

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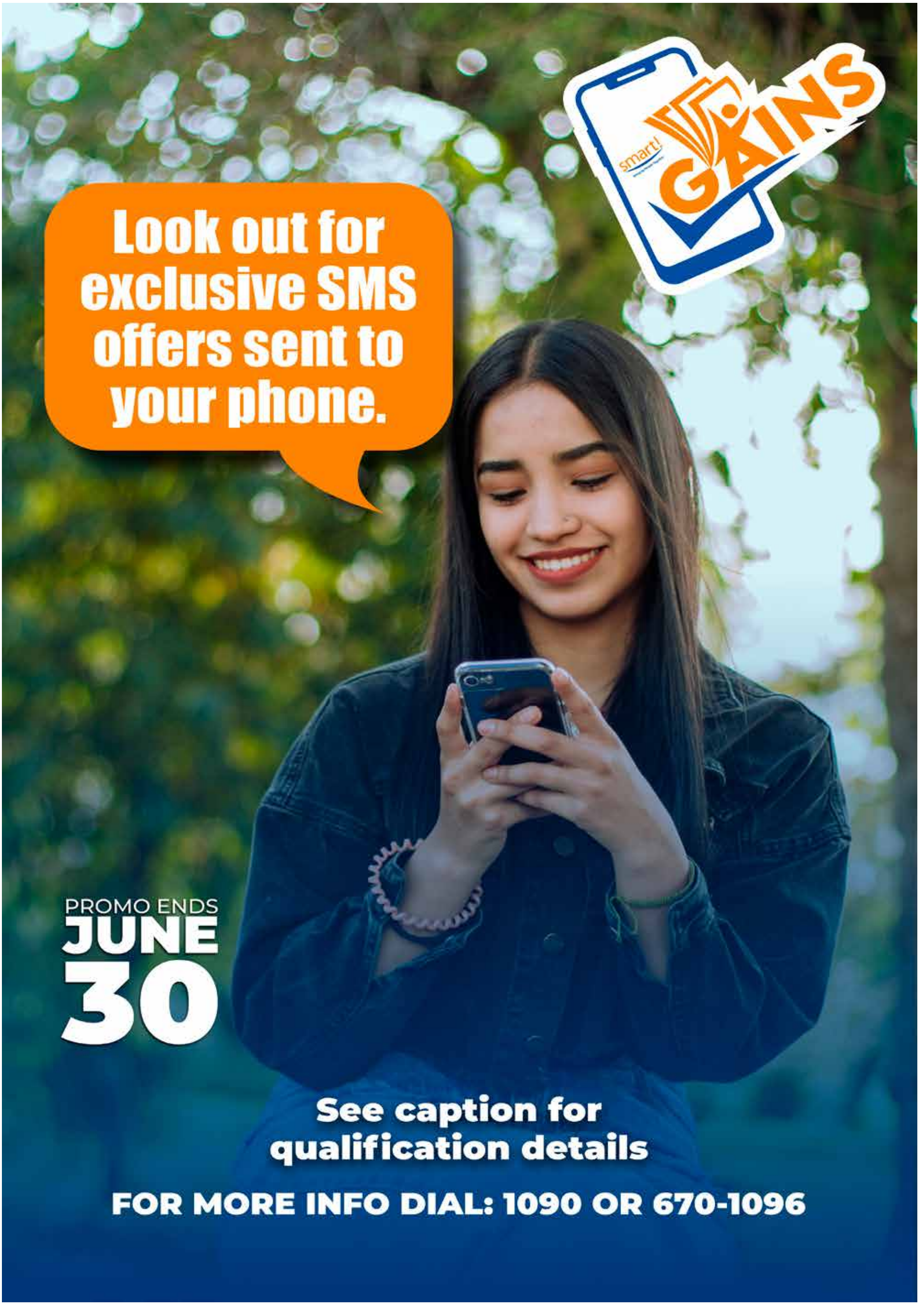
Date	Village			Received		Electors	Polled	Polled	Turnout	Votes	Votes
6/22/25	**Golden Stream**	**Chairperson**				**236**	**163**		**69.07**	0	2
		CAAL, Juvanie Edwin	**Chairperson**	**72**	**Elected**			44.17			
		CAL, Policarpo	Chairperson	52				31.90			
		CANTI, Israel	Chairperson	39				23.93			
		Members					**953**			1	3
		CANTI, Ancelmo Sipriano	**Member**	**70**	**Elected**			7.35			
		COC, Jairus	**Member**	**71**	**Elected**			7.45			
		OH, Pedro	**Member**	**70**	**Elected**			7.35			
		POP, Jay Michael	**Member**	**72**	**Elected**			7.56			
		TEUL, Saturnino	**Member**	**72**	**Elected**			7.56			
		TZALAM, Lucas Elmer	**Member**	**69**	**Elected**			7.24			
		COC, Gerasimo	Member	52				5.46			
		COC, Venancio	Member	52				5.46			
		POP, Roselia Veronica	Member	48				5.04			
		TEUL, Shellie Chorline	Member	48				5.04			
		TZALAM, Cruz	Member	48				5.04			
		XOL, Daniel Benedicto	Member	49				5.14			
		CANTI, Adriano	Member	35				3.67			
		CANTI, Jenira	Member	39				4.09			
		COY, Leticia	Member	39				4.09			
		POP, Manuel	Member	40				4.20			
		POP, Marcelino	Member	40				4.20			
		YATZ, Francisco	Member	39				4.09			

TOLEDO DISTRICT (cont.)

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes	% of Votes	% of Voter	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/22/25	**Pueblo Viejo**	**Chairperson**				**305**	**164**		**53.77**	0	4
		CHOC, Honoratus	**Chairperson**	**105**	**Elected**			64.02			
		CHOC, Macedonio	Chairperson	59				35.98			
		Members					**890**			0	19
		CHOC, Fermin	**Member**	**99**	**Elected**			11.12			
		CHOC, Firmo	**Member**	**99**	**Elected**			11.12			
		COC, Roberto	**Member**	**99**	**Elected**			11.12			
		PEREZ, Vicente	**Member**	**99**	**Elected**			11.12			
		SALAM, Sandro Jimmy	**Member**	**99**	**Elected**			11.12			
		TUSH, Inocencia	**Member**	**97**	**Elected**			10.90			
		CAAL, Vergina Debi	Member	50				5.62			
		CHOC, Elviria	Member	50				5.62			
		CHOC, Ernilda	Member	50				5.62			
		CHOCO, Mamita	Member	49				5.51			
		COC, Edmundo	Member	50				5.62			
		REQUENA, Gabriela	Member	49				5.51			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